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**WITH 5 MONTHS TO GO BEFORE NOV.**

## Worker regs now with White House

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The U.S. Department of Homeland Security sent to the White House's Office of Management and Budget on Wednesday the draft Commonwealth-only transitional worker regulations for review, five months before the grace period for those without U.S. immigration status expires on Nov. 27.

While this is a major development in a long-delayed process, CNMI officials, the private sector, and workers separately called on the White House to complete the final regulations review way ahead of the 90-day maximum period allowed.

That 90-day period ends on Sept. 15.

By that time, there will only be two months left before Nov. 27, the last day of the two-year transition period allowed under the federalization law. After that,

anyone who does not have some immigration status issued by the U.S. government will be "out of status" and subject to deportation.

Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan, in a statement yesterday, said, "It's about time."

He said DHS' sending of the regulations to the White House's OMB on June

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## Humidity too much for Pohaku

» **Tracking dog only searched half day, still no trace of Faloma, Maleina Luhk**

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Saipan's humidity was too much for canine tracker Pohaku, prompting his handlers yesterday to cut his sniffing work to just half a day on his second day of searching for

sisters Faloma and Maleina Luhk.

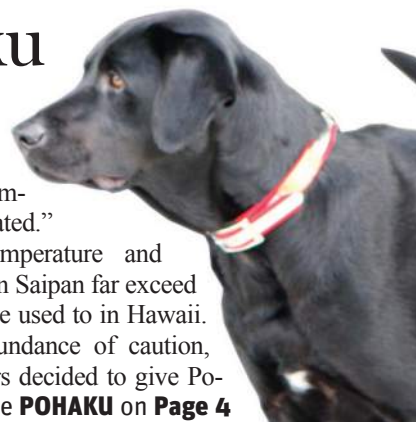
Pohaku's search ended at 1pm with no trace of the Luhk sisters, but the dog will resume his search this morning, Saturday.

Around midday yesterday, Pohaku's handlers, Shay Walden and Kuma Davis, noticed that the dog

was "becoming overheated."

"The temperature and humidity on Saipan far exceed what we are used to in Hawaii. Out of abundance of caution, the handlers decided to give Po-

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## 'The FBI can't probe 1998 disappearance'

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The FBI said yesterday they could not assist a family who has been seeking help in finding answers to the mysterious disappearance of Rosaline Santos Camacho in 1998.

FBI special agent Tom Simon told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that they want to remain focused in their investigation and search for missing sisters Faloma and Maleina Luhk.

"That's our sole purpose for be-

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Camacho

## CARNIVAL GROUNDS

Xernan Tolentino, left, and Pastor Jim Howard, right, of PJ's Jump and Bounce roll an inflatable obstacle course at the Garapan Fishing Base yesterday, in preparation for the kick off of the 2011 Liberation Day festivities last night. The carnival grounds, which has 16 food booths, 14 merchandise and novelty booths, and live song and dance performances, will be open every night until July 10.

HAIDEE V. EUGENIO



## Local

## Senate panel to look into CUC's hiring of Tinian deputy chief

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The Senate will look into the

Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s hiring of a deputy director for Tinian, after concerned students from Tinian now studying at the

University of Guam alleged that the new deputy director does not meet the required minimum qualification.

The students said that CUC disregarded its own official published criteria for the position, particularly the minimum requirement of a four-year degree.

CUC's new deputy director for Tinian, Evelyn Manglona, started working in May. She was on fieldwork when *Saipan Tribune* tried to reach her Thursday afternoon at the CUC Tinian office.

Sen. Ralph Torres (R-Saipan), vice chairman of the Senate Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation and Communications, and Senate Vice President Jude U. Hofschneider (R-Tinian), chairman of the Tinian Legislative Delegation, separately said the PUTC Committee will be looking into the issue.

Torres said the committee will meet on Monday to formulate a letter that will be sent to CUC. He said if the panel is not satisfied with CUC's response,

they may call in CUC officials to shed light on the hiring of Tinian's deputy director.

Hofschneider applauded the students for bringing this matter to the attention of government officials.

The Tinian Student Association at the University of Guam wrote a letter to Senate President Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota), requesting that he convene his PUTC Committee "at the soonest possible time, to conduct an inquiry on the manner in which CUC Human Resources and the upper management disregarded their official published criteria for the position of deputy executive director."

When CUC announced the job vacancy for deputy director, it required a four-year degree as a minimum requirement.

Tinian students said "it is an unfortunate event that CUC's upper management breached their own criteria to put in place

a person who has less than the required minimum qualification."

"Herein is another classic example that other subjective or hidden criteria, e.g. political affiliation, reign supreme in government hiring practices. This must stop," the students told the Senate president.

They said Tinian residents are well aware that at least three or four other applicants are considered more qualified than the chosen individual now occupying the position.

"We trust that Senator [Juan] Ayuyu-Rota, Senator [Ralph] Torres-Saipan, Senator [Jovita] Taimanao-Rota, Senator [Pete] Reyes-Saipan, and most especially Senator [Frank] Cruz and Senator Hofschneider, will exercise their sworn public duty to inquire and insist that CUC institute an immediate corrective action on this type of demoralizing practice," the students said.



## SVES YOUNG FARMERS' PLANT SALE

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Summer is here. Do you need a fun family activity? Start a garden and grow your own healthy food. The SVES Young Farmers' Club will be having a plant sale today, Saturday, from 8am to 12am at the San Vicente Elementary School. Drop by and pick up some healthy plants that are ready to go into the ground. We have hybrid tomatoes, cucumbers, squash, eggplant, okra, basil, peppers, and lettuce. They are only \$3 a pot. Help support these hardworking students so they can buy more supplies.

## Another partial payless payday; admin warns of even more challenges in July

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Non-critical government employees did not get paid on time again yesterday, as cash shortage continues. Even critical government employees such as doctors, nurses, police officers, and firefighters almost did not get paid, but eventually got their paychecks on time.

The Fital administration said yesterday that July will bring more financial challenges because there will be three payrolls in a month.

Press secretary Angel Demapan, when asked for comment, said critical government employees almost didn't get paid on time "due mostly to the continued struggles in cash availability and cash collections that are coming in."

"Despite the government's funding woes and low collections from hospital charges, the government has had to prioritize

payments for critical bills such as CUC [Commonwealth Utilities Corp.], CHC's [Commonwealth Health Center] lab expenses, pharmaceutical supplies and the supply of blood for the blood bank," he said.

The government also has processed scholarship payments for recipients of the CNMI Scholarship and the Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance, Demapan added.

The Department of Finance is looking at Wednesday for the payroll of non-critical employees but that, again is dependent on cash availability, the press secretary said.

Financial challenges could worsen in July.

"There are three government payrolls slated for the month of July, so it will definitely be a major challenge to meet obligations for three payrolls versus one month of cash collections. We encourage government employees to continue spending

wisely and put aside emergency funds in the event that any further delays should occur," Demapan said.

A Capital Hill employee said despite the delay in payrolls, she said she's still thankful that she has a job. But she said she hopes to see an end soon to delayed payrolls.

Since June 2010, the government has been delayed at least 16 times in issuing paychecks to "non-critical" employees.

Most of those with delayed wages are also subject to a 16-hour cut biweekly and unpaid holidays as part of the administration's cost cutting measures.

Demapan said only so-called critical government employees, federally funded employees, and those at the Public School System will get paid on time.

Government employees in critical positions include doctors, nurses, police officers, firefighters, and corrections officers.

## Revilla is NMC new staff senate president

Northern Marianas College support staffers have selected new officers who will give voice to their concerns to the management and Board of Regents.

Dawn Chrystal Revilla, the institution's budget officer, was elected as the group's new president, replacing Clarice Arriola.

Revilla will now serve as an honorary non-voting member of the Board of Regents.

Also elected with Revilla were Community Development Institute's Floyd Masga, who was selected vice president, and Christina Cruz, from the finance office, as secretary

and treasurer.

Revilla vowed yesterday to maintain a healthy professional relationship with NMC's faculty senate, administration, and board.

"The support staff are an integral part of ensuring continued and smooth operations at the college; and we continue to emphasize and recognize the importance of our collective roles," she told *Saipan Tribune*, adding that it is the support staff's services that ensure that classes can run and that students and employees are adequately supported.

Interim NMC president Lorraine T. Cabrera congratulated the new officers.

"The staff senate and other governance bodies play an integral role at the college. I offer my congratulations to the new senators and look forward to working with them as we continue to advance the mission of the college," she said.

The outgoing staff senators include Clarice Arriola, Randall Nelson, Kathy Palacios, Becky Sablan, Leonard Morales, Karla Mareham, James Santos, and Sue Palacios. (Moneth Deposa)

## MISSING SISTERS

Last seen: As Teo, Saipan CNMI  
Date missing: 6am, Wednesday, May 25, 2011  
Name: Luhk, Maleina  
Age: 9 years old  
Height: 4 feet  
Weight: 50-60 pounds  
Eyes: Brown  
Hair: Brown  
Body: Petite  
Complexion: Tan  
Characteristics: Circle birthmark left cheek  
Last wearing: White blouse and jeans



Last seen: As Teo, Saipan CNMI  
Date missing: 6am, Wednesday, May 25, 2011  
Name: Luhk, Faloma  
Age: 10 years old  
Height: 5.1 feet  
Weight: 90 pounds  
Eyes: Brown  
Hair: Short brown  
Body: Petite  
Complexion: Tan  
Last wearing: Light green shirt with a butterfly design on the front with blue jeans



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# Public Health names 11 new nursing aids



MONETH G. DEPOSA

The new nursing aids from Saipan Southern High School pose with principal Jesse Tudela and nursing instructor Leticia Reyes during the nursing assistantship program pinning and path of light ceremonies at Pacific Islands Club Thursday night.

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Eleven students are now nursing aids after completing the two-year nursing assistant program that was pioneered at the Saipan Southern High School.

Public Health Secretary Joseph Kevin Villagomez and SSHS principal Jesse Tudela, along with Public School System associate commissioner Jackie Quitugua, presented certificates of completion to the second batch of nursing aid graduates during a pinning and path of light ceremony at Pacific Islands Club Thursday night.

Melanie Cruz emerged as the most outstanding graduate after being bestowed the first honor award. Cruz is the daughter of Milagros and Domingo Cruz. She will be moving to Las Vegas, Nevada to work and she

## Harassment lawsuit dismissed

The federal court on Thursday dismissed a sexual harassment lawsuit filed by a former employee of Palms Resort Saipan after the parties reached a settlement.

Aida S. Kamruzzaman's lawsuit was dismissed with prejudice; that means the case cannot be re-opened.

The terms of the settlement were not indicated in court papers.

Kamruzzaman filed the lawsuit on Nov. 3, 2010, against Micronesian Resort Inc. (owner of Palms Resort) and 10 unnamed co-defendants for allegedly not acting on her sexual harassment complaint against her then superior, Habib Akbar.

In Micronesian Resort's answer to the complaint, attorney Michael W. Dotts asserted that plaintiff's claims are barred by the statute of limitations. Dotts argued, among other things, that the plaintiff failed to exhaust her administrative remedies before filing the lawsuit. (Ferdie de la Torre)

intends to pursue nursing at the University of Nevada.

"I never expected this award and it's a great honor. I can say that throughout the many experiences that I went through, everything was worth it," she told *Saipan Tribune*.

Second honor went to Jove Jenn Taman, while four other graduates were given special awards: Kathleen Laurio, excellence in caring; John Raymond Sablan, excellence in communication; Melanie Ramon, excellence in professionalism; and Nicole Reyes, excellence in holistic care.

The other new nursing assistants are Su Jin Jeon, Summer Palacios, Mereylen Denora, Coquina Teregeyo, and Vivalyn



**MELANIE CRUZ**  
First Honor

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The two-year nursing assistantship program tries to build local nursing capacity. It was initiated

## Driving school suspends classes

The ISTS Driver Training Academy is temporarily suspending its operations while owner/operator Richard Puhalla undergoes quadruple bypass surgery.

Puhalla will return to Saipan from Manila this weekend to meet with his students.

He hopes to resume the program in three to four weeks. (PR)

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on three islands.

During tough times, Villagomez said, DPH needs to augment its lack of nurses by employing nursing assistants because they provide a vital role in the delivery of health care.

CHC only has 175 nurses right now, down from 235 nurses last year. Majority of CHC's nurses are nonresident workers from the Philippines.

The nursing assistantship program is offered as a fifth period subject at the school. For a student to complete the process, they have to take it in their 11th grade to complete the required clinical and lecture hours for the program. Each day, the students take almost two hours of class instruction and over two hours of clinical sessions at the hospital.

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# Kilili: If AG did nothing wrong, release OPA report

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If Attorney General Edward Buckingham did nothing wrong, he should release the Office of the Public Auditor report on his hosting of a campaign gathering for delegate candidate Joseph

N. Camacho of the Covenant Party in 2010, according to Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan yesterday.

"I think the attorney general, if he's done nothing wrong, should release the OPA report," Sablan told *Saipan Tribune*.

Sablan, delegate candidate Jesse

Borja of the Democratic Party and other concerned citizens including Glen Hunter asked OPA last year to investigate the attorney general and the OAG for their involvement in the 2010 campaign activities.

The delegate said taxpayers' money was spent to hire a lawyer to help

Buckingham in the OPA investigation on him.

"Over \$12,000 was spent in his defense. But why is he not releasing the report?" Sablan added.

The CNMI government was billed \$12,940 by lawyer G. Anthony Long, hired at \$200 an hour to represent Buckingham in his official and personal capacity in connection with the OPA probe.

OPA released a confidential report on the issue in December, and Gov. Benigno R. Fitial had said he didn't necessarily agree with OPA's findings.

Public Auditor Michael Pai addressed the OPA letter to Buckingham and Gov. Benigno R. Fitial.

Buckingham and Fitial have not released the report or at least portions of it that would support the governor's claim that the attorney general did nothing wrong.

Press secretary Angel Demapan said OPA reports are confidential and not subject to release.

"The administration has no further comment at this time," he said.

On Monday, Buckingham filed a lawsuit against the public auditor over OPA's hiring of lawyers, one of whom was the lead OPA investigator on Buckingham's involvement at the campaign gathering held at the governor's private residence in Gualo Rai on Aug. 28, 2010.

Private citizen Glen Hunter, who also filed a complaint with OPA last year regarding Buckingham's hosting of a delegate campaign, earlier said it would not surprise him if Buckingham's lawsuit filed against the public auditor over the hiring of counsels was a retaliatory action against OPA's ethics investigation into Buckingham.



Buckingham

## CNMI govt settles landowner's lawsuit

The government has settled a landowner's lawsuit against the Department of Public Lands and the Department of Public Works over the alleged taking of her land without compensation.

Robert T. Torres, counsel for plaintiff Carmen C. Nosek, signed yesterday a stipulation to dismiss the lawsuit with DPL and DPW, through counsel Braddock J. Huesman.

The lawyers informed the U.S. District Court for the NMI that they agreed to dismiss the lawsuit in its entirety, with prejudice, as to all claims.

The parties will bear their own attorney's fees and costs.

"The Court, however, shall retain jurisdiction over this matter as to enforcement of the terms of settlement," the lawyers said in court documents.

The terms of the settlement were not indicated in court papers.

In her lawsuit, Nosek asked the court to rule as void and unenforceable the government's memorandum of understanding that conditions the compensation for the property upon the allocation of funding by the Legislature and sub-

ject to availability of funds.

Torres stated in the complaint that the CNMI certified Nosek's property for taking for purposes of a public roadway and utilities under the Land Compensation Program effective in 1990.

"Despite repeated promises that Carmen Nosek would be compensated for the taking of her land, it has become clear that the Commonwealth will not honor its promise," Torres said.

Nosek reportedly owns four lots on Saipan containing a total of 1,320 square meters. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

## WORKER

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15 is an internal comment period that is generally the last step before regulations are published for public scrutiny.

"We still cannot see the draft regulations themselves. But at least we know they are now moving forward. DHS isn't holding on to them anymore. The department has sent the regulations out for comment by OMB and other federal agencies, such as the Department of Defense, Interior, and Labor that have an interest in CNMI immigration," he said.

Sablan said OMB can take less than 90 days to review the rule.

"I'm an optimist," Sablan told *Saipan Tribune* in a brief phone interview.

More information is available at <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/eoDetails?rid=120499>.

Sablan, like many others in the CNMI including the Saipan Chamber of Commerce, has been urging DHS to get the regulations completed since they were shot down in 2009 following Gov. Benigno R. Fitial's lawsuit against the U.S. government over federalization.

Rabby Syed, president of the United Workers Movement-NMI, said if the White House uses the 90-day maximum review period, it will give workers and employers "a short time to make plans" after seeing the final regulations.

Syed is hoping that President Barack Obama will grant the United Workers Movement-NMI's request to use his administrative power to protect some 16,000 legal aliens in the CNMI, until such time that Congress or other executive agencies grant these nonresidents a more permanent immigration status.

They are asking the president to grant legal nonresidents "parole-in place status with authorization to seek employment, and which 'shall qualify them for employment-based visa applications.'"

### 'Snail pace'

Douglas Brennan, president of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce, said DHS is "way past the deadline."

"I'm disappointed. They're moving forward but a snail's pace. It's frustrating. They should have issued this a long time ago," said Brennan, who earlier said the delay is "getting ridiculous."

Brennan, who is also general manager of Microl Corp., said if OMB finds "problems" with the DHS regulations, then it goes back again to DHS and therefore further delay the issuance of the final rule.

Senate Vice President Jude Hofschneider (R-Tinian), chairman of the Senate Committee on Foreign and Federal Relations, said he and other senators who visited Washington, D.C. in March thought all along that DHS was already about to forward the regulations to the White House "at the time."

"Now we're learning they just sent it to the White House," Hofschneider said. "Nevertheless, I hope OMB would dispose of it as soon as possible and not necessarily exhaust the 90 days allowed for the review so that people and businesses will have enough time to make decisions."

The federal government took control of CNMI immigration on Nov. 28, 2009, pursuant to U.S. Public Law 110-229 that was signed in May 2008.

Press secretary Angel Demapan said yesterday that DHS' sending of the regulations to the White House is a welcome development for the Fitial administration and for the business community.

"The administration has been urging the issuance of the worker regulations amidst mounting concerns from the islands' guest workers and private employers alike. We hope that with this step now out of the way that the federal government will continue to act expeditiously on this matter so that both employers and employees are afforded ample time to implement their plans moving forward," Demapan said.

### CW classification

The long-awaited worker regulations will provide a visa classification for non-U.S. citizens who work in the CNMI and who are not eligible for any other U.S. visa category.

The transitional worker program is intended to provide for an orderly

transition from the CNMI permit system to the U.S. federal immigration system under the Immigration and Nationality Act.

The rule will allow eligible non-U.S. citizens to continue working in the CNMI through the immigration transition period, which ends in 2014.

After the five-year transition period, the INA requirements become fully applicable in the CNMI.

Interim regulations were first published on Oct. 27, 2009. But a lawsuit by the CNMI government resulted in a federal court order prohibiting their implementation.

Since then, workers and businesses in the CNMI have been left in a state of uncertainty, guessing about what the rules for employment would be after the CNMI-issued visas most workers now have expire in November 2011.

DHS Secretary Janet Napolitano said last year that she expected the regulations to be out by the first quarter of 2011. But the final day of the quarter, March 31, came and went without any sign of the regulations.

"It was incredibly frustrating," Sablan said.

Sablan gave credit to Dr. John Fleming (R-LA), chairman of the House Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs with responsibilities for insular affairs, for the DHS action.

He said for some time, he and Fleming have discussed the need to bring DHS and other federal agencies in for a hearing on implementation of federal immigration.

"While there is no official notification of a date yet, I can say that federal agencies have been alerted that they are going to be facing the Subcommittee in the very near future. When they come before the Subcommittee, those agencies want to look like they are doing their job. DHS wants to be able to say, 'we're not the problem; we sent the Commonwealth-only transitional worker regs to OMB weeks ago,'" he said.

Sablan is now ranking member, or the senior Democrat on the Subcommittee. He publicly raised the issue of the regulations with Fleming at his very first hearing as ranking member on April 1 this year.

## FBI

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ing here right now—to get these girls home safely," said Simon, the FBI Honolulu's media relations coordinator.

Rosaline was 33 when she was reported missing on Aug. 23, 1998, on Saipan. Her husband, Francisco San Nicolas Camacho, was then a police detective and is now retired.

Antonio and Albert Santos, brothers of Rosaline, told *Saipan Tribune* on Thursday that the family is hoping that the FBI will also step into the investigation of her disappearance. The family strongly believes there was a cover up in the investigation on Rosaline's disappearance.

The FBI currently has 20 FBI special agents and support staff on Saipan, including members of the FBI Child Abduction Response Deployment Team, to join the search for 10-year-old Fajoma Luhk and her sister, 9-year-old Maleina, who have been missing since May 25.

When asked for comment about the Santos family's appeal to the FBI, Simon said the bureau "is not a missing

persons agency, as the local police usually handle that."

Simon said the FBI investigates, among other things, child abduction at the request of local law enforcement seeking help.

"That said, our condolences go out to the family for everything that they've been through. Our heart goes out to the family," he said.

According to the Santos brothers, Rosaline had a fight with her husband, that's why she left their house and stayed with her sister in Koblerville for a week.

On a Saturday night in August 1998, Rosaline borrowed the Toyota Camry of her sister and left the house in Koblerville.

Rosaline never returned home. The following morning between 8am and 9am, the car was found parked at the back of the Coral Ocean Point golf course.

Antonio Santos said that Rosaline's slippers were found at the cliff line, about 50 feet away from the car.

Albert Santos said they were told that there were signs of struggle in the car, but when the family went to the scene, police did not allow them to see the vehicle.

## POHAKU

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haku the rest of the day off," said FBI special agent Tom Simon.

Simon said they don't want to harm the dog as he is "too great of an asset."

Pohaku, which means "stone" or "rock" in Hawaii, is a 2-year-old male Labrador retriever from the Hawaii State Civil Defense's Urban Search and Rescue Canine Unit. He arrived on Wednesday night and began the search on Thursday.

Aside from the two handlers, two FBI special agents and two police officers also accompanied the dog in the search for the Luhk sisters, who have been missing since May 25.

### Birthmark

Simon said the FBI has not figured out yet the identity of the man with the distinctive facial birthmark they are looking for, despite several tips and many interviews.

"We've spoken to many different in-

dividuals with birthmarks on their faces. They all have been photographed and we're going to be meeting with the witness who saw the birthmark man next week to review the photographs with him to see if he recognizes any of them as the individual from May 6," he said.

Simon earlier emphasized that the person is not a suspect or a person of interest in the investigation, but who may be able to help on a potential lead.

He disclosed that less than 10 persons with birthmarks on their faces have been photographed. "None of the individuals that we spoke to appear to have any information about the missing girls and none of them recalled being in the As Teo neighborhood on May 6," he added.

On May 6, 2011, at approximately 10:30pm, a white four-door car with some body damage on the front passenger was reportedly seen driving in the Santa Lourdes shrine area. The driver was described as a Pacific islander and was about 30 years old, with short clean-cut hair.



# Cadet from Saipan facing different LTC fear

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Most every cadet comes to the Leader's Training Course with a fear. A fear of heights, a fear of water or a fear of having no control.

Matthew Cabrera's biggest fear is letting down his fellow cadets.

If the first few days of the course are any indication, that fear will be short-lived.

"Whenever I needed help with something, this was the first guy who was there to help me," said Wendell Grouby Jr., Cabrera's battle buddy in Alpha Company.

Cabrera, 22, endured a 17-hour flight Sunday from Guam—the longest trip made by any Alpha Company cadet. He is the only cadet in his company from the island.

Saipan, with a population of 70,000, is Cabrera's home island. It is in the Northern Mariana Islands, a string of 15 islands that are a three-hour flight from major Asian cities such as Tokyo and Hong Kong.

One hurdle some cadets attending the course from outside the mainland U.S. encounter is a language barrier. But Cabrera conquered that issue long ago

when he attended a private high school that forbade students from speaking any language other than English.

"You would pretty much get punished," he said. "They'd give you cleaning detail and all that."

Last year, Cabrera moved to nearby Guam to attend the University of Guam, where he is majoring in marketing in hopes of going into public affairs after graduation.

In 1994, the University of Guam's ROTC program was named the Triton Warrior Battalion to more appropriately convey the strength of these cadets and cadre. That program is the main reason Cabrera chose to attend.

While Cabrera wishes there was a course like LTC closer to home, he is still optimistic about being a part of the training at Knox.

"I was looking at enlisting, and I wanted to give this thing a shot because I also wanted to finish my degree," he said. "So I kind of wanted to kill two birds with one stone."

He was encouraged to attend LTC by cadets who attended in the past. His family influenced his decision as well.

"My dad's brother, he's a captain in Hawaii," Cabrera said. "He's been giving me a heads up on what to expect in the program."

He also has cousins who are enlisted soldiers, some of whom

are stationed in Afghanistan. Most of Cabrera's family is home waiting for him to return to Saipan, including his 3-year-old daughter, Miana.

"I've caught her sometimes saluting her mother," he said, "or I'll catch her saying 'Hooah' just out of nowhere."

Cabrera is proud, yet surprised his little girl has picked up his habits by watching him. The admiration is obvious, but Cabrera can't ignore that his little girl will be without her father while he is away.

"She is not liking the whole thing that I live on a different island," he said.

Miana is home with her mother on Saipan. Cabrera is assured that their daughter won't have to share another parent with the Army, however. On Saipan, Miana's mother works part-time for the ROTC program at Northern Marianas College, but has no interest to serve in uniform.

"She feels my pain, so to speak," he said.

Of course, Cabrera faced more pressing issues than leaving his daughter and her mother behind. Fort Knox is 14 hours behind the time in Guam.

"The drill sergeants do a good job of taking my mind off of the time difference and jet leg," he said.

There is no specific method for getting used to the time change so quickly, said Sgt.



DOROTHY EDWARDS/LTC PAO

University of Guam Cadet Matthew Cabrera gets his mugshot taken for his military ID during in-processing for LTC's Alpha Company.

Daniel Sisto, an Alpha Company drill sergeant.

"Truthfully, until its lights out, we are just constantly doing training," he said. "They are basically moving at all times."

The main advice he gives is for schools to help cadets adjust

even before they arrive at LTC.

"Their school needs to say, 'Hey, maybe don't sleep at all until that night you get there and then sleep a full night,'" Sisto said.

Restlessness cannot be an issue at the course, Sisto said, because "when they get here,

everyone has to train the same."

When Cabrera finishes the course, he will return to his university for another two years before he graduates.

"I'm trying to get this whole thing done so we can get our lives jump-started," he said.

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The public hearing will be held at the Energy Division, Capitol Hill, House #1337, June 30, 2011, Thursday from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. A copy of the State Plan can be picked up at the Energy Division on Friday, June 24, 2011.

For those who are unable to attend the public hearing in person, you may submit your written comments to the Energy Division, Capitol Hill, House #1337 Saipan; or can be e-mailed to: [energy@pticom.com](mailto:energy@pticom.com) or by mail to P.O. Box 500340, Saipan, MP 96950 on or before close of business on Friday, July 8, 2011.

The general public as well as interested parties are welcome to comment on the proposed State Plan.

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### Facebook's face problem

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Nothing gives people the creeps more than the sense that some hidden force is watching them. In George Orwell's telling of this story, that force was a totalitarian government surveilling the public to suppress dissent. In the contemporary version, it's a seemingly ubiquitous Internet company vacuuming up personal information to build profits. Like, say, Facebook.

In its latest privacy intrusion, the Silicon Valley powerhouse has built a gargantuan photo collection of the faces of Facebook users—and non-users. For now, the company is using the database and facial recognition software only to help users identify the people in the snapshots they upload to the social network. Nevertheless, it's just the kind of repurposing of personal information that companies should obtain users' permission for—a step that companies don't like to take because it results in fewer people participating.

Facebook's users collectively upload millions of photos daily, and the company has long encouraged them to add digital tags identifying the people in them. What it didn't tell users was that it was using that information to build a database of facial images. Late last year it started using this database to identify people automatically, although the person uploading the photo still had to confirm the tag.

The feature isn't as disturbing as it could be. When someone uploads a photo, Facebook suggests identities only for the people whose images it recognizes within the uploader's circle of Facebook friends. It also notifies people when they are named in a photo so they can delete the tag if they choose to, and it lets users change their privacy settings to prevent them from being identified automatically.

Still, the system encourages people even more strongly to disclose information about others who might not welcome the exposure. When someone tags you in a photo, the social network's default setting is to notify all of your Facebook friends. If it's an image you'd prefer not to be seen, by the time you remove the tag it's probably too late.

A larger concern is what Facebook may eventually do with its growing collection of facial images—for example, how it might make the technology available to advertisers, or how it would respond to subpoenas. European regulators are investigating the facial recognition system; a group of U.S. privacy advocates are asking the Federal Trade Commission to do the same, arguing that Facebook hoodwinked users into providing the images and tags for the database. Facebook has issued a partial mea culpa, saying it should have given users a clearer heads-up when automatic identification was enabled. What it really should have done, though, was ask them to opt in instead of merely, quietly, giving them a way out.



## Fascination with political sex scandals is unsettling

What's worse, a love child or a sex tape? A high-priced call girl or a mistress soul mate? An illicit affair with the wife of a friend or a tryst with a stranger in cyberspace?

That's the balancing act required to figure out how New York Rep. Anthony Weiner rates in the rogues' gallery of politicians disgraced by sexual shenanigans.

Weiner is a Democrat, but no party has a monopoly on sexual indiscretion.

I think Weiner ranks somewhere between the kings of sleaze—Arnold Schwarzenegger, who had a long-term affair and secret child under his wife's nose with the family's housekeeper, and John Edwards, who betrayed his dying wife with his new age mistress—and the clueless Chris Lee, the married New York congressman who resigned earlier this year after a shirtless photo revealed he'd been pretending to be a divorced lobbyist while trolling Craigslist for women.

Consider Weiner's progenitors, culled from just the past few years:

The fellows who frequented prostitutes, like former New York Gov. Eliot Spitzer, whose rendezvous with a \$1,000-an-hour call girl led to his resignation, and Louisiana Sen. David Vitter, whose "very serious sin" involving a Capitol Hill call girl ring did not.

The guys who had sex with their buddies' wives, like former Nevada Sen. John Ensign, who stepped down in the midst of an ethics investigation into his affair with the wife of an aide, and California's own Gavin Newsom, who was elected lieutenant governor even after admitting that as mayor of San Francisco, he had an affair with his campaign manager's wife.

The married men involved with men, like former New Jersey Gov. James McGreevey, who held a news conference to announce that he was gay and had an adulterous affair with a man on his staff.

The Marks, Foley and Sanford. Former Florida Rep. Mark Foley resigned after sending sexually explicit messages to teenage boys. South Carolina Gov. Mark Sanford stayed in office despite an adulterous love affair with what he called his "soul mate," a woman in Argentina.

What makes Weiner's scandal so compelling is not the magnitude of his offense, which pales compared with some of these guys' deeds. It's the titillation factor, and attendant high drama:

The outraged denials, and tearful admissions; the crude crotch shots and trashy transcripts. And our own public penchant for voyeurism.

I'd never heard of Anthony Weiner before he burst bare-chested onto the national scene last month. And I'm not convinced that "the good of the country," as one wag said, rests on whether he resigns or not.

Politicians have been calling for his resignation; he's an embarrassment to his party, they say.

But Weiner's constituents seem unruffled by his sexual antics. Maybe he's closer to the norm than we'd like to admit.

"I know that not every guy is like that, but most guys are crazy for women. They lose their minds," a man from Queens told the Los Angeles Times' Tina Susman.

I've heard much the same on the streets out here. At the bar, the coffee shop, the beauty salon, Weiner's actions have been greeted less with outrage than with a simple, more prosaic question: How

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can a smart man be so dumb?

If there's a lesson for Weiner it's pretty simple: Girls talk. If a famous politician—or entertainer or athlete—sends me a naked picture, I am going to share it with my friends.

And I'm going to keep those text messages and Facebook posts ... just like Monica Lewinsky kept that blue dress with the stains that sunk Bill Clinton.

And if there's a lesson for us, it's harder to fathom.

This episode of sex, lies and stupidity feels a lot like ground we've already trod, a throwback to the uncomfortable questions the Clinton scandal foisted on us.

"Is oral sex really sex?" was the question of the day back then.

Now Weiner has us wondering, "Is it an affair if you never touched her?"

The bigger question is harder to answer, and has less to do with sex, than fidelity—to your family, your community, your commitment:

What can we expect—and should we accept—from the people we elect to lead us?

I feel sorry for Weiner's wife and don't much care what happens to him now. I don't think we need an ethics investigation.

To find out what, whether he used his government-issued phone to take embarrassing pictures of his crotch?

We already know he's an arrogant liar. And we have bigger fish to fry.

Maybe I've just had my fill of tawdry confessions and tardy mea culpas. But the public spectacle surrounding Weiner has begun to resemble its own kind of porn.

As I watched the televised news conference this week, our public obsession with private compulsions seemed more than a little unsettling.

"Did you have phone sex?" one reporter kept shouting out over the din.

At that moment, I felt my sympathies shift.

How far are we justified to go? How deep can we, in good conscience, dig?

We might be wise to take a page from David Paterson, who inherited the job as governor when New York's Spitzer was felled by the call girl scandal.

Rumors of infidelity immediately surfaced, and Paterson and his wife addressed them.

Every relationship has hard times, he told reporters. I had affairs. My wife had affairs. We repaired our marriage and moved on.

Maybe it's time for us to do likewise.

Move on. Let Weiner slink home to his lovely wife and try to become the kind of man the child she's carrying won't be ashamed to call Dad.



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## Bernanke acted in the nation's interest

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**W**ASHINGTON—Federal Reserve critics are upset over revelations that the Fed approved loans to foreign entities as part of its effort to combat the financial crisis.

Some have even suggested Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke resign over the loans to foreign banks and other parties. But there is no good reason for Chairman Bernanke to step down right now and many good reasons for him to stay.

It's true that the recent revelations, in addition to other Fed activities over the last three years, have given the central bank a black eye to some. As my American Enterprise Institute colleague and former Fed official Vincent Reinhart put it recently, "The caricature of the Fed is that it was shoveling money to big New York banks and a bunch of foreigners, and that is not conducive to its long-run reputation."

**PRO** No doubt, Fed officials should work to ensure a sterling reputation. Public confidence is important to the Fed being able to do its job well. If nothing else, the Fed will perform poorly if buffeted by undue political pressure.

So ensuring that the Fed has the confidence of the American people and their elected representatives is a must. But some perspective is in order here.

For starters, no one asserts that the Fed has done anything illegal or improper. While lending to foreign firms may strike some as distasteful, it is permitted under the Fed's powers. The Federal Reserve has very broad discretion to act as it sees fit under its dual mandate of ensuring stable prices and maximizing employment.

What's more, while Chairman Bernanke (and his predecessor at the Federal Reserve Alan Greenspan) can be faulted for not anticipating the severity of the global financial crisis, he deserves some credit for responding to the downturn in a responsible and defensible manner.

While a good case can be made that the Fed did not react swiftly enough when conditions began to deteriorate, once it was painfully apparent how severe the crisis was, the Fed took concrete action to stem the panic.

And while its most recent round of aggressive action—its second so-called "quantitative easing," or QE II—was widely criticized at the time, it is clear that it helped stabilize markets when European financial sector took a turn for the worse in 2010.

It's important to remember that, for better or worse, the U.S. dollar is the world's reserve currency. The United States benefits greatly from this state of affairs; however it also places special responsi-

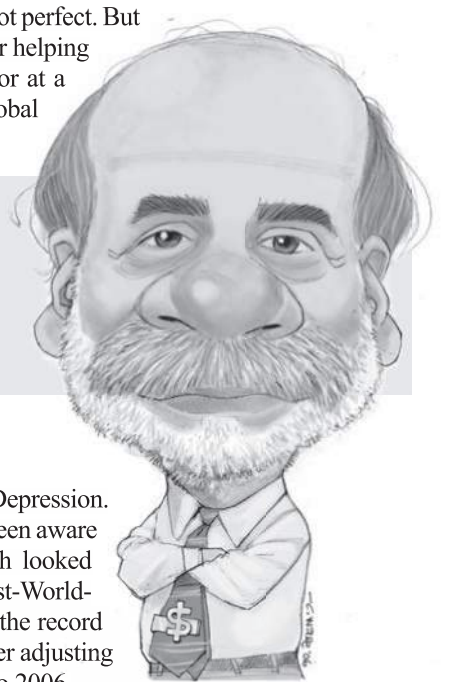
bilities and obligations of the Federal Reserve and complicates its policymaking.

The Federal Reserve is often called the "lender of last resort." But what does it mean to be lender of last resort when the U.S. currency is the world's reserve currency and when a global financial panic erupts? At a bare minimum it means the Fed cannot simply ignore what is happening with global banks and other foreign entities. While this may make many Americans uneasy, it is not a fact that is easily wished away at a moment's notice.

Given its enormous influence over the American economy, it is

hardly surprising that the Federal Reserve inspires such passionate political feelings. But the financial crisis that began in the United States was a result of years of misguided federal housing policy. Chairman Bernanke responded as best he could given the financial turmoil that resulted from the collapse of the housing bubble.

Chairman Bernanke is not perfect. But he deserves some credit for helping stabilize the financial sector at a time of unprecedented global financial instability.



### "Should Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke step down the wake of disclosures that it secretly lent U.S. funds to foreign banks?"

## Bernanke should go

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**W**ASHINGTON—The recent release of documents showing that the Federal Reserve lent tens and possibly hundreds of billions of dollars to foreign banks in 2008 and 2009 has raised more questions about Ben Bernanke's chairmanship of the Fed.

The lending may or may not have been the right thing to do at the time, given the financial crisis. But it was done in secret, and the only reason that we have the information now is because Bloomberg News and Fox Business News won a two-year court battle, using the Freedom of Information Act, to get the documents released.

**CON** The official excuse for such secrecy at the time of lending is that the borrowing institutions could suffer "bank runs" if their loans were made public. That is debatable, but there is no excuse for keeping the information secret for years after the crisis has passed.

This kind of secrecy is maintained to avoid political accountability, not for reasons of financial stability. Such practices are what we would expect from authoritarian governments, not the government of a democratic republic.

Accountability is really the main problem at the Fed. If there were any significant accountability, Ben Bernanke would never have become chairman of the Fed in 2006, and certainly wouldn't have kept his job after the economy collapsed.

Bernanke was a governor of the Federal Reserve in 2002, when the housing bubble was already identified by my colleague Dean Baker. Bernanke was oblivious to the bubble as it continued to expand to \$8 trillion in 2006, before bursting and causing our worst

recession since the Great Depression.

Bernanke should have been aware of Baker's analysis, which looked at house prices over the post-World-War II era, and especially the record run-up of 70 percent—after adjusting for inflation—from 1996 to 2006.

Before the bubble burst, Baker became the most cited source on the housing market for The New York Times. Economist Robert Schiller followed with an analysis of a century of house price data and came to the same conclusion—that this was a bubble that would inevitably burst. He was also frequently cited in the major media.

Baker showed clearly that this price run-up could only be explained by an asset bubble—that other explanations attributing it to demographics, building restrictions, or other changes in demand or supply were not consistent with the data. This was not rocket science for an economist of Bernanke's skill level. He is well-versed in economic history, including that of the Great Depression.

Yet as late as July 2005 Bernanke was asked directly if there was a housing bubble, and he replied: "I don't know whether prices are exactly where they should be, but I think it's fair to say that much of what's happened is supported by the strength of the economy."

In May 2007, just seven months before the Great Recession began, Bernanke stated: "We do not expect significant spillovers from the subprime market to the rest of the economy or to the financial system. The vast majority of mortgages, including even subprime mortgages, continue to perform well."

Bernanke therefore missed the biggest asset bubble in U.S. history, and then failed to anticipate the inevitable destruction that its bursting would cause in the overall economy. This is analogous to Japan's nuclear regulators' determination that the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear power plant was safe from any tsunami.

The problem with rewarding incompetence and failure in high places is that even a well-regulated financial system—which we are still very far from achieving—cannot serve the public interest if the chief regulators don't do their jobs. Secrecy, lack of accountability, and incompetence—these are weapons of mass destruction for America's economy.

## We need to fight childhood obesity among minority students

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**A**s a physician, all too often I see young adults who developed obesity during childhood.

Some of them now have type 2 diabetes in their early 20s. This means they have several decades in the prime

of their lives to struggle with a serious, chronic disease.

This is a preventable disease, as are other obesity-related ones, like heart disease, stroke and other cardiovascular conditions. That's why it is critical to increase physical activity in and outside of school and to teach our youth to make healthy food choices early.

With 25 million American kids — nearly one in every three young people — overweight or obese, our youngsters are at risk of living shorter, less healthy lives than their parents.

Obesity's impact is even more problematic for racial and ethnic minority populations. According to recent studies, nearly 40 percent of African-American girls and 37 percent of Mexican-American girls ages 2-19 are considered overweight or obese. And nearly 42 percent of Mexican-American boys and 33 percent of African-American boys ages 2 to 19 are overweight or obese.

To address the obesity challenge among children, especially youth from diverse ethnic backgrounds, we need to encourage our

children to get plenty of exercise over the summertime, now that school is out.

But the school setting is also a crucial place for healthy exercise. Since students spend a great amount of time in school, it is important to emphasize the role schools play in promoting lifelong physical activity habits.

Currently, only 4 percent of elementary and 8 percent of middle schools provide daily physical education. And 22 percent of schools do not require students to take any physical education classes at all.

If we want to improve our children's well-being, quality physical education must be an integral part of the school day. Beyond its health benefits, physical education can also help boost academic achievement.

To reach this goal, the American Heart Association has joined together with other health organizations to support the Fitness Integrated with Teaching Kids Act, bipartisan legislation that strengthens physical education programs and raises awareness about the importance of physical activity throughout the country. It would require that all schools include the quantity and quality of physical education in the annual report cards currently sent to parents and look at developing innovative ways to increase physical activity in our schools.






That is not too much to ask. Our future depends on the health and welfare of the next generation.



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Palau	Rain	▲85 ▼77
Yap	Rain	▲84 ▼77
Chuuk	Rain	▲82 ▼76
Pohnpei	Rain	▲82 ▼76
Kosrae	Showers	▲86 ▼79
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲85 ▼77

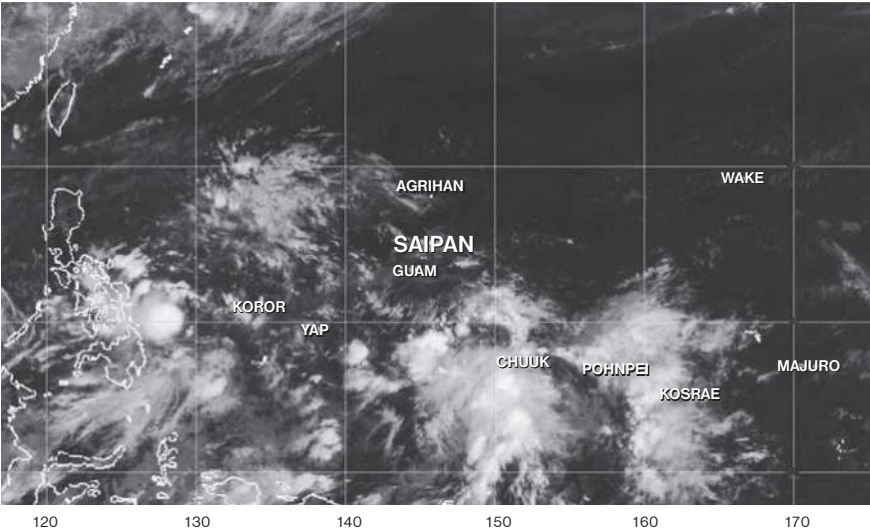
### Around The Globe

Auckland	Showers	▲62 ▼56
Beijing	Mostly Sunny	▲90 ▼67
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲89 ▼82
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲83 ▼75
London	Partly Cloudy	▲65 ▼55
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲68 ▼57
Manila	Thundershowers	▲87 ▼78
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲59 ▼45
Miami	Thundershowers	▲90 ▼80
New York	Mostly Sunny	▲85 ▼69
Osaka	Thundershowers	▲77 ▼69
Paris	Partly Cloudy	▲69 ▼53
Pusan	Partly Cloudy	▲75 ▼65
Rome	Sunny	▲81 ▼63
Salem	Showers	▲67 ▼56
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲61 ▼55
Seoul	Sunny	▲87 ▼66
Tokyo	Showers	▲73 ▼67
Washington, DC	Thundershowers	▲90 ▼73

### Tides

Saipan Harbor				
3:32 AM	Today	Low Tide:	1.2 Feet	
8:10 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet	
3:40 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.5 Feet	
10:46 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet	

### Yesterday's Satellite Image



**PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, FRIDAY, JUNE 17, 2011**  
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A monsoon trough curves southeastward from Tropical Depression 06W centered northwest of Koror at 10N129E passing just northeast of Koror to end at another circulation just west of Chuuk at 8N148E. Scattered showers are found west of Koror or west of a line from 8N133E to 4N134E and south of Yap within 70 miles of a line from 6N138E to 3N139E to EQ139E and finally within 100 miles of a line from 8N141E to 5N142E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found over Chuuk near the eastern edge of the trough within an area bounded by a line from 10N144E to 14N152E to 1N156E to EQ149E back to 10N144E. Converging winds north of the monsoon trough are combining with divergent upper-level winds to the south of an upper-level low centered at 20N134E to produce scattered showers and a few thunderstorms well west of the Marianas between 15N and 21N from 130E to 137E. A trade-wind disturbance is triggering scattered showers and a few thunderstorms over Pohnpei and Kosrae within 175 miles of a line from 10N156E to 6N161E to EQ161E.

### Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:47 AM	6:49 PM
Sunday	5:47 AM	6:49 PM
Monday	5:48 AM	6:49 PM
Tuesday	5:48 AM	6:50 PM
Wednesday	5:48 AM	6:50 PM

### Moonrise/Moonset

Today	8:56 PM	7:46 AM
Sunday	9:39 PM	8:41 AM
Monday	10:19 PM	9:33 AM
Tuesday	10:56 PM	10:23 AM
Wednesday	11:32 PM	11:10 AM

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DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
SAIPAN-GUAM				GUAM-SAIPAN			
C09317	4:25am	5:15am	Daily	C09316	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
C09313	7:55am	8:45am	3, 6	C09596	6:35am	7:25am	3, 6
C09313	8:30am	9:20am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7	C09596	7:00am	7:50am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C09601	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7	C09600	10:05am	10:55am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C09603	3:05pm	3:55pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7	5K389	1:35pm	2:25pm	1, 4, 6
5K382	6:00pm	6:50pm	2, 5, 7	C09602	1:40pm	2:30pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C09605	6:30pm	7:20pm	Daily	C09604	5:10pm	6:00pm	Daily
C09599	9:30pm	10:20pm	Daily	C09606	8:00pm	8:50pm	Daily
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:00am	8:45am	Daily	DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:20pm	Daily	DL288	8:05pm	12:35am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ608	3:20am	6:50am	1, 5	OZ607	9:00pm	2:20am+1	4, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1	OZ603	9:00am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ604	3:30pm	7:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7	OZ605	8:10pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
MU590	4:30am	7:20am	2, 6	MU589	8:50pm	3:30am+1	1, 5
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 5	3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	4, 7
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 4	3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ606/701	2:20am	11:25am	1 via ICN	OZ704/603	12:10am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7
OZ606/701	2:50am	11:25am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN				via ICN
C09317/891	4:25am	9:45am	3, 6 via GUM	DL172/288	7:45am	12:35am+1	Daily via NRT
DL287/173	6:00am	10:15pm	Daily via NRT	C0890/9606	10:55am	8:50pm	3, 6 via GUM
C09313/933	7:55am	8:40pm	3, 6 via GUM	OZ702/605	12:45pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
C09603/933	3:05pm	8:40pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7 via GUM	OZ702/605	12:45pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
C09603/893	3:05pm	10:10pm	2, 5 via GUM-Palau	C0892/9596	9:55pm	7:50am+1	2, 5 via GUM-Palau
OZ604/703	3:20pm	11:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7 ICN	PR110/C09596	10:15pm	7:25am+1	6 via GUM
OZ604/715	3:20pm	11:30pm	7	PR110/C09596	10:15pm	7:50am+1	1, 2, 4, 7 via GUM
C09599/PR111	9:30pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM	C0934/9596	10:55pm	7:50am+1	1, 4, 7 via GUM
SAIPAN-HONG KONG				HONG KONG-SAIPAN			
OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN	OZ724/603	12:30am	2:20pm	2, 4, 6, 7
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN				via ICN
C09603/909	3:05pm	9:25pm	1, 5 via GUM	OZ750/603	1:00am	2:20pm	2, 4, 6, 7
5K168	3:25pm	6:35pm	1, 4, 6				via ICN
OZ604/749	3:30pm	11:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN	5K169	9:55am	5:00pm	2, 5, 7
				OZ722/605	1:25pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
				OZ722/605	1:25pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
				C0910/9596	10:30pm	7:50am+1	1, 5 via GUM
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Guam-Rota				FRE 113	11:40	11:50	Daily
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily	FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
Guam-Rota				FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
FRE 300	17:50	18:20	Daily				
Saipan-Rota				Tinian-Saipan			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily	FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 400	10:20	10:45	Daily	FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
Saipan-Rota				FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily	FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
Saipan-Tinian				FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily	FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily	FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily	FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily	FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily	FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily				



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	<b>Korean Center</b> Sunday: 10:30am Wednesday: 10am Thursday-Friday: 8pm Saturday: 3pm and 7:30pm	<b>San Vicente Parish</b> Monday-Friday: 6pm, Saturday: 6pm (First Saturday of every month) Sunday: 6am anticipated mass, 6pm (Neo Catechumenal community mass), 8pm Sunday: 6am, 9am, 6pm Parish office hours: daily 9-11am Telephone no. 235-8208 or 287-0131	<b>Immanuel United Methodist Church</b> Chalan Kanoa Drive, Chalan Kanoa (east of Town Center and Beach Road, Near Mt. Carmel Cathedral) Worship Service: 9:00am Children's Sunday School: 9:00am Choir Practice: 8:00am Singspiration: 8:30am Prayer, Care & Share: Wednesday 7:00pm Pastor: Millie Carroll 322-6158
	<b>Kristo Rai Parish</b> Sunday- Saturday: 6am Wednesday: 6am and 6pm (PH Novena 5:45pm) Friday: 5:30pm praying of Divine Mercy Chaplet; 6pm devotional mass in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Saturday: 6am and 6pm (anticipated) Sunday Mass: 6am, 8am and 9:30am 6pm Tagalog mass Parish office hours: (Fr. Celso G. Magbanua) Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday 8-11:30am/ 3-5:30pm, Wednesday and Friday 3-5pm. Telephone no. 285-0273	<b>Santa Remedios</b> Sunday: 8am Monday: 6pm (1 <sup>st</sup> Mondays cemetery masses at 5:30pm) Tuesday- Friday: 6pm Saturday: 6pm-anticipated Sunday mass 8-10pm Parish office hours: Monday- Friday: 8:30am-12pm	<b>Immanuel Methodist Church</b> (Filipino Congregation) Sunday: 7:00am-Choir Rehearsal 8:00am-Church Service (Tagalog) 9:15am-Sunday School Wednesday: 6:30pm, home group 8:00pm-Prayer Meeting Thursday: 7:30pm-Choir Practice (Church) Saturday: 8:00pm-Choir Practice (Parsonage) (Korean Congregation) Sunday worship: 9am, 10:30, 1pm Wednesday evening service: 8pm Daily morning prayer: 5am
	<b>Santa Soledad Mission Parish</b> Monday: 6pm Tuesday: 6pm Wednesday: 6pm Friday: 6pm Saturday: 6pm (Youth mass/ anticipated Sunday mass) Sunday: 7am and 9am (Children's mass) Parish office hours: Wednesday and Friday: 8-10am, Saturday: 4-6pm Telephone no. 256-4568	<b>PROTESTANT</b> 	<b>Jesus is Lord Church, Saipan</b> Sunday English Service: 7:30-9am, Sunday Tagalog Service: 9-11am and 6-8pm, Wednesday: 7:30-9pm
	<b>Saint Jude Parish</b> Monday- Friday: 6pm Saturday: 7am Sunday: 6am, 8am, 10am Parish office hours: Monday-Friday 9:30-11:30am, 3:30-5pm Office is close every Thursday and Saturday Telephone no. 288-0007	<b>Born Again Christian</b> (Upper Room Int'l Ministries), Saipan Wednesday Prayer and Healing Night: 8-10:30pm Saturday Tagalog Service: 8-10:30pm Sunday English Service: 9:30-11am Sunday School for Children: 10-11am Sunday Filipino Service: 7-9pm	<b>Korean Presbyterian Church, Saipan</b> Sunday School: 9:20am Sunday Adult: 11am Sunday Evening: 7:30pm Wednesday: 8pm
<b>San Antonio Parish</b> Monday-Friday 6pm Saturday: 6pm Sunday: 7am, 9am (Blessing of children) Parish office hours: Tuesday-Saturday: 8-11:30am, 2-4:45pm Close on Sunday and Monday	<b>Chinese Christian Church of Saipan</b> Worship Services: Sunday: Chinese and Filipino 9am, English 6pm Bible Study: Wednesday and Saturday 8pm Telephone no. 235-8540	<b>Life in the Son Christian Fellowship, Saipan</b> Sunday Worship Service: 10am-12noon Tuesday: Leadership Institute 7pm-10pm Wednesday: Corporate prayer 7pm-8pm Last Friday of the month-prayer: 7pm-11pm Friday: Youth on Fire: 7pm-9pm Tel. No. 235-LIFE (5433)	<b>Thy Word Ministries Saipan</b> Faith Center Phone 234-0209 New Christian Charismatic Church Service located in Chalan Paio, Beach Road in the Sablan building on the 2nd floor above Subway Sandwiches. Senior Pastors: George & Gail Kamakahi Asst. Pastors: Eric & Penny Sakaguchi
<b>San Francisco de Borja-Rota</b> Sunday: 6am Chamorro, 8am English Monday and Tuesday: 6am Chamorro Wednesday: 6pm English Thursday: 6am Chamorro Friday: 6am English Saturday: 6am Chamorro, 6pm Tagalog Sunday: anticipated mass	<b>Cornerstone Christian Church, Saipan</b> Morning Service, Sunday, 10:00 am Evening Service, Sunday, 6:00 pm Children Sunday School, 10:00am/ 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 7-9 pm Youth Night of Worship, Friday, 6:30 pm As Perdido Road Chalan Piao, Saipan MP 96950 Tel. No. (670) 235-8590 Email: <a href="mailto:cornerstone@cfemcares.org">cornerstone@cfemcares.org</a>	<b>Marianas Baptist Church, Saipan</b> English Worship Service: 9-10:30am Evening Worship Service: 6-7pm Children Sunday School: 9-10:30am Tagalog Sunday School: 11am-12pm English Sunday School: 11am-12pm Korean Worship Service: 11am-12pm Wednesday Prayer Meeting: English, 7pm-8pm Korean: 8:30pm-9:30pm	Service Times Sunday 10:00am Worship Service Sunday 7pm Discipleship Classes Tuesday 10:00am Bible Studies Tuesday 6:00pm Intercessory Prayer Tuesday 7:00pm Music Practice Wednesday 7:00pm Mid-Week Service Saturday 10:00am Evangelism
<b>San Isidro-Rota</b> Sunday: 5am, 8am, 10am Monday-Friday: 7pm Saturday: 5am and 7pm	<b>Episcopal/Anglican Church on Saipan</b> St. Paul's Episcopal Church Worship Service Sunday: Holy Communion 9:00am Place: Garapan, Plumeria Road, Call 285-6081 for directions	<b>Northern Marianas Christian Church</b> Sunday Worship Service 10am Fina Sisu Housing FS#1 (Child care will be provided) Friday Services @ 7pm Fina Sisu FS#1 for more info pls. contact Ryan 484-2620	<b>Upper Room International Ministries</b> Sunday 5:30am-6:30am Morning prayer 7am-9am English service 7am-9am Sunday school 10am-12noon English service, Koblerville Wednesday 7pm-9pm Prayer meeting Saturday 7pm-9pm Tagalog service Venue: Jason Presbyterian Church Gualo Rai, Saipan
<b>San Jose (Oleai) Parish</b> Monday- Saturday: 6am daily mass Monday- Sunday: 3pm Divine Mercy Chaplet Wednesday: 6pm, mass, exposition of the blessed sacrament Saturday: 6pm, anticipated Sunday mass Sunday: 7:30-9am English, 6pm Tagalog mass Office hours: Monday-Wednesday: 9am-12pm, 2-5pm Thursday: day off Friday- Saturday: 8am-12pm, 2-5pm Telephone no. 234-6991	<b>Grace Christian Assembly, Saipan</b> Sunday Worship Service: 9-11am Sunday school/ Children's church 9am (nursery available during Sunday service) GBI Classes: 4-6pm Prayer Meeting: 6am Tuesday GCA Kagman, Wednesday Navy Hill, Thursday San Antonio Home Cell Bible Study: 7pm (Through out the week) Telephone no. 322-5680	<b>Marianas Bible Fellowship Center</b> Sunday School: 9-9:30am Divine Worship: 9:30-11am Evening Service: 7pm-8:30pm Wednesday Prayer Meeting: 8pm-9pm	<b>Victory Chapel Christian</b> Fellowship Church Sunday School: 9:30am Sunday AM Worship: 10:30am Sunday PM Worship: 7:00am Wed Worship: 7:30pm Prayer 45 min. Prior to Service Times Morning Prayer: 6-8am M-S
<b>San Roque Parish</b> Sunday: 7:30am Chamorro, 9am English Monday: 6pm English Tuesday: 6pm English Wednesday: 6pm English- novena mass to our Lady of San Roque oil Thursday: 6pm English	<b>Iglesia Ni Cristo, Saipan</b> Wednesday: 7:45pm (English) Thursday: 5:30am (English); 7:45 pm (Tagalog) Saturday: 7:45pm (Tagalog)	<b>Pentecostal Missionary Church of Christ (4th Watch)</b> Sunday worship 8:30am Sunday evening 7:00pm Prayer meeting, every Wednesday 7:30pm San Jose village, after San Jose Hotel Telephone: 789-7566	<b>VICTORIOUS CHRISTIAN CHURCH</b> (Formerly God's Victorious Army) Sunday 8:30am to 10:30am - Worship Service Monday 7:00 pm - Women's Fellowship Tuesday nights - Home cellgroup Wednesday - 7:30pm to 9:00pm Mid Week Service Friday 7:30pm to 9:00pm Prayer Meeting Saturday nights - Praise and worship practice Last Friday of the month - Overnight praying meeting Pastor Brendon Perez - Tel# 2359246
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# Business

## Toyota promises shareholders revival from disaster

TOYOTA, Japan (AP)—President Akio Toyoda promised shareholders a revived Toyota despite the production disruptions from the earthquake and tsunami that decimated northeastern Japan on March 11, and first offered his prayers for those killed.

The disaster dominated Friday’s annual shareholders at Toyota Motor Corp. headquarters in the town named after the world’s biggest automaker.

It started with a solemn moment of silence for those killed and missing, now estimated at more than 23,000 people. The first question from investors was about what the company was doing in response to the destruction.

But the overall mood was supportive and upbeat, periodically interrupted by applause, unlike shareholder meetings in recent years when Toyota officials were on the defensive for massive global recalls caused by quality lapses and profit drops that followed the financial crisis.

The quake and tsunami damaged key parts suppliers in northeastern Japan, and vehicle production for some models is still not back to normal, three months later.

That is crimping Toyota sales, even for popular models, just at a time when it was starting to recover from a two-year recall fiasco, especially by boosting growth in emerging markets.

## Economy gets lift: Layoffs ease, home building up

WASHINGTON (AP)—Fewer Americans applied for unemployment benefits last week and builders broke ground on more homes in May. The latest data offered some hope that the economy may be improving after hitting a slump in late spring.

Unemployment benefit applications fell to a seasonally adjusted 414,000, the Labor Department said. It was the second drop in three weeks and a positive sign that layoffs are slowing.

Still, applications have been above 400,000 for 10 straight weeks, evidence that the job market is weak compared to earlier this year.

Home construction rose last month to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 560,000 units per year, the Commerce Department said. Economists say the pace of construction is far below the 1.2 million homes per year that must be built to sustain a healthy housing market. Many credit-strapped builders are struggling to compete with low-priced foreclosures.

The modest improvements in two of the economy’s most troubled areas were enough to give

One shareholder got up to grumble about how he was still waiting for his Prius order, but called himself “a Toyota fan,” and expressed confidence Toyota was on a comeback.

Toyoda said his company was working hard so that vehicle production, which had stopped nationwide after the 9.0-magnitude quake, is expected to be back at pre-disaster levels by July, both in Japan and overseas.

He said he visited suppliers and dealers in northeastern Japan and was deeply moved by the struggle of people to deal with widespread damage.

Although it will take time for the Tohoku area to return to normal, Toyota will do its best to contribute to the regional economy by keeping production there and providing jobs.

“I ask shareholders for their understanding,” Toyoda said with a bow, which was welcomed with enthusiastic clapping.

Despite the gradual recovery over the past year, Toyota is still expecting its profit to dive 31 percent on year to 280 billion yen (\$3.5 billion) for the fiscal year through March 2012, hammered by the parts shortages.

Toyota may lose its spot as the world’s top-selling automaker to General Motors Co. this year because of the disaster, although executives have played down the importance of that loss.

Wall Street a lift after a major sell-off the previous day. The Dow Jones industrial average gained 64 points in afternoon trading. Broader indexes also rose.

Investors seemed to look past fears that Greece will be forced to default on its bonds—an event that could trigger another financial crisis—and a poor readout of manufacturing conditions in the Northeast from the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia.

Unemployment applications had fallen in February to 375,000, a level that signals sustainable job growth. They stayed below 400,000 for seven of nine weeks. But applications surged in April to 478,000—an eight-month high—and they have declined slowly since then.

Economists said the steady decline in unemployment applications signals that the job market is improving, but at a very slow pace.

“This is not a derailing of the economy,” said Bricklin Dwyer, an economist at BNP Paribas. “This is a period of weak growth, and we’re going to see this for some time.”



## Nation

## Defiant no longer, Weiner resigns in sex scandal

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Defiant and combative no longer, New York Rep. Anthony Weiner soberly announced his resignation from Congress on Thursday, bowing to the furor caused by his sexually charged online dalliances with a former porn actress and other women.

Democratic Party leaders, concerned that Weiner could weigh the party down in the 2012 elections, welcomed the announcement after days spent trying to coax, push and finally coerce the wayward 46-year-old into quitting. Known as brash, liberal and ambitious, Weiner had run for mayor of New York in 2005 and had been expected to do so again. He was in his seventh term in Congress.

At an appearance in Brooklyn that drew hecklers as well as supporters, Weiner apologized “for the personal mistakes I have made and the embarrassment I have caused,” particularly to his wife, Huma Abedin.

Pregnant with the couple’s first child, she was absent as she had been 10 days ago when Weiner first admitted sending inappropriate messages and photos to women online—after earlier denying emphatically he had done so.

In his brief farewell appearance, Weiner said he initially hoped the controversy would fade but then realized “the distraction that I have created has made that impossible.”

That conclusion echoed party

officials who had become worried that the intense public focus on Weiner—and the Republican political rhetoric sure to follow—would complicate their campaign efforts in 2012.

“Congressman Weiner exercised poor judgment in his actions and poor judgment in his reaction to the revelations,” House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi said in a statement released moments after he spoke. “Today, he made the right judgment in resigning.”

Weiner made his announcement at the same senior citizen center in Brooklyn where he announced his candidacy for the New York city council in 1992.

He declined to answer questions, leaving unaddressed

whether he envisioned his resignation as the end of a once-promising political career—or merely a painful pause of uncertain duration.

“Now I’ll be looking for other ways to contribute my talents so that we live up to that most New York and American of ideals,” he said.

Nor did he explain his presence in New York, several days after issuing a statement that said he was seeking treatment. Other Democrats said he had left the city to do so.

He had succeeded his mentor, Sen. Chuck Schumer, who vacated the seat to run for the Senate. The senator, one of a few prominent Democratic leaders who did not call for Weiner’s res-

ignation, issued a statement saying the congressman “has served his community, city and country well for over two decades.”

Weiner’s departure marks the end of a bizarre period born of the New Yorker’s use of social media such as Twitter and Facebook.

His problems began on May 28 when a website run by conservative commentator Andrew Breitbart posted a lewd photograph of an underwear-clad crotch and said it had been sent from Weiner’s Twitter account to a Seattle woman.

## Snowballing scandal

*A timeline of events in the online sex scandal involving Rep. Anthony Weiner, D-N.Y.:*

## Denying the tweet

**May 27** Waist-down photograph sent from Weiner’s Twitter account to a 21-year-old female college student; he quickly deletes it and sends message saying his account was hacked

**May 28** BigGovernment.com first to report on lewd photo; continues to insist it was the work of a hacker

**May 29** Spokesperson says hack is a “distraction” from the congressman’s work

**June 1** Spends day in media interviews; evades clear-cut questions; says photos can be manipulated

**June 2** Tells reporters at the Capitol he knows for sure he didn’t send the photo but “can’t say with certitude” that the photo wasn’t of him

## Telling the truth

**June 6** After avoiding public appearances, holds press conference and says he tweeted the lewd photo and admits several other inappropriate relationships; says he will not resign

**June 8** Media outlets learn Huma Abedin, Weiner’s wife, is pregnant; continues to vow to stay in office

**June 10** A Delaware teenage girl is interviewed by the police; says online contact with Weiner were “neither explicit nor indecent”

## Calls for resignation

**June 11** Announces plans to take a temporary leave of absence to seek unspecified treatment

**June 14** President Obama says he would resign if he were the congressman; House Speaker John Boehner urges him to step down

**June 15** Former porn star says Weiner asked her to lie about their online communications

**June 16** Resigns seat in Congress

Source: AP, CNN, Reuters, MCT Photo Service

Graphic: Melina Yingling

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## Heat and high winds threaten West wildfire lines

**ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP)**—Firefighters trying to protect homes, a popular national park and tinder dry patches of forest were tested Thursday as temperatures peaked and winds started to whip up the flames of several wildfires burning throughout the Southwest.

Along the New Mexico-Colorado border, the winds pushed one fire toward breaks that had been carved into the rugged landscape by bulldozers. Crews had anticipated the fire’s movement and were prepared to hold the line with help from helicopters and air tankers.

The winds were not as strong as expected, but fire officials said Thursday evening that the area was not out of danger.

“For the next couple of days we’re still going to see gusty winds, very hot temperatures and dry conditions. It’s possible we won’t have a red-flag warning, but we will still see some weather conditions that

will challenge our containment lines,” fire information officer Denise Ottaviano said.

The fire had been sending up giant plumes of smoke that could be seen from Raton, N.M., each afternoon as the flames ate through nearly 26,000 acres of rugged terrain along the state line.

Thursday was a little different. There were some columns of smoke on the northern side, but not as severe as earlier in the week, partly because crews had made progress on the southern flank and the winds were pushing out of the southwest and away from town.

Interstate 25 between Raton and Trinidad, Colo., reopened early Thursday after being closed for four days because of the blaze.

Some nearby residents were able to return home Wednesday and more evacuations were lifted Thursday, but residents who live closest to the

eastern and some northwest of Raton remained out of their homes for another day.

Fire officials confirmed Thursday that eight homes and six other structures have been destroyed.

The nearly 700 firefighters battling the fire did experience some gusts Thursday and temperatures near triple digits. The humidity level was in the single digits, and similar weather conditions were expected through the weekend.

The wind also raised concerns among firefighters battling Arizona’s largest blaze at 760 square miles, or 487,016 acres, in the eastern part of the state. A pre-evacuation notice for an area in southeast Eagar was issued Thursday afternoon because of high winds and possible spot fires.

While there were no flames jumping along the ridge above the community like the previous week, fire information officer

Richard Hadley said authorities wanted residents to be prepared. He said smoke could be seen rising from the hills to the south as flames kicked up in small unburned patches of vegetation within the fire perimeter.

Containment on the fire inched up to 33 percent Thursday, but more winds were predicted through the weekend.

“We’re kind of keeping our fingers crossed for the next three days because of the predictions,” Hadley said.

Fire managers were concerned about the fire burning in the Blue Range area south of Alpine—the least secure part of firefighters’ lines and closest to the nearest town still threatened, Luna, N.M., where about 200 people live.

A line of cut fuels and intentionally burned areas was completed between Luna and the fire itself at daybreak Thursday, and fire commanders expressed confidence it would hold.

## Giffords must adjust to home after months of care

**HOUSTON (AP)**—In the long run, Rep. Gabrielle Giffords should flourish from returning to a home life with her husband. But in the days and weeks ahead, she and her family will have to make difficult adjustments to this new phase in her recovery.

While Giffords gets used to living outside a hospital for the first time in more than six months, her family—especially her astronaut husband, Mark Kelly—will learn to care for a person who still has significant cognitive and physical problems caused by a devastating gunshot wound to the head.

“It’s really an emotional roller-coaster,” said Dr. Richard Riggs, chairman of physical medicine and rehabilitation at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles.

The 41-year-old lawmaker left the hospital on Wednesday and moved to her husband’s home in a Houston suburb not far from the Johnson Space Center.

Visitors came and went, including Kelly’s brother Scott, also a NASA astronaut, and Giffords’ mother, Gloria, who brought groceries.

It’s a far cry from hospital life, where staff members monitor who visits, how long

they stay, and even things like how much light is in a room. The rules help patients recovering from brain injuries by minimizing excess stimulation that they can find confusing and irritating.

Pets, children, phone calls, mail delivery, cooking—these are routine interruptions Giffords has lived without for nearly six months, Riggs said.

“There’s going to be emotion, there’s going to be activity,” Riggs said.

In the long-term, it will help Giffords reintegrate into society, he said. In the short-term, the stimulation will likely be exhausting.

At the same time, the family will be torn between being caregivers and maintaining their normal relationship with Giffords. While Giffords will have a 24-hour home care assistant and will go to the hospital daily for intensive therapy, her family will still carry some of the burden.

“It’s a hard balance,” said Cara Camiolo Reddy, head of the brain injury program at UPMC Rehabilitation Institute in Pittsburgh. “You want to be there and care for them, but you also want to get back to your normal relationships with that person, so there’s a lot of challenges there emotionally.”



## ACROSS THE NATION

## ‘Barefoot Bandit’ to plead guilty in federal court

**SEATTLE (AP)**—The 20-year-old Washington state man who gained fame last year as the “Barefoot Bandit” was expected to plead guilty to criminal charges stemming from his 2-year run from the law in stolen boats, cars and planes, federal officials said Thursday. Colton Harris-Moore will plead guilty on Friday in federal court, the U.S. Attorney’s Office in Seattle said. No further comment was provided. Authorities say Harris-Moore hopped his way across the United States during his run, frequently stealing cars from parking lots after landing at small airports. In Indiana, he stole another plane and made for the Bahamas, where he was captured at gunpoint in a stolen boat last July.

## Most Missouri River levees holding up to surge

**HAMBURG, Iowa (AP)**—The surge of water released from dams holding back the rain-swollen upper Missouri River reached deeper into Nebraska and Iowa on Thursday, headed swiftly toward Missouri and a soggy summer. Almost all the levees along the way have held strong. There have been no significant injuries or deaths. Now comes the weeks of fretting and worry over whether levees in several states will continue to hold until the river starts to drop sometime this fall. “The ongoing threat will be to the levees, which were designed to hold back water for a short period of time,” said Derek Hill, administrator of Iowa’s Homeland Security agency. “We don’t know how they will perform if the water level remains high for several months.”



# Asia

## China dispatches patrol boat amid tensions

**BEIJING (AP)**—China has dispatched one of its largest maritime patrol ships on a first-ever visit to the Southeast Asian city-state of Singapore amid a spike in tensions over disputed territory in the South China Sea.

The Haixun-31 left Wednesday and will stay in Singapore for two weeks of exchanges on search and rescue, anti-piracy and port management operations, Chinese state media reported Thursday.

Similar ships have been accused of harassing foreign shipping in the South China Sea, including U.S. Navy surveillance vessels.

China, Vietnam and the Philippines have traded diplomatic barbs recently over claims to the

resource-rich South China Sea and its island groups. Vietnam's navy conducted live-firing exercises Monday after accusing Chinese boats of disrupting oil and gas exploration in its waters.

U.S. State Department spokeswoman Victoria Nuland told a news conference Friday that the U.S. understood the Chinese ship was making a "routine, planned visit" to Singapore. She reiterated that the South China Sea disputes should be resolved through negotiations.

The 3,000-ton, helicopter-equipped Haixun-31 is one of two vessels of that size belonging to the Maritime Safety Administration, one of five nominally civilian agencies tasked with overseeing China's inter-

ests at sea. All of those departments are undergoing major expansions as Beijing moves to assert its territorial claims and economic interests in both the South China Sea and the East China Sea, where it has territorial disputes with Japan and Taiwan.

In coming years, three dozen vessels will be added to the fleet, an unnamed official with the State Oceanic Administration, another of the five agencies, announced last year. Defense experts say the People's Liberation Army Navy, which is also undergoing a thorough upgrade, has been gradually strengthening its command over the maritime patrol agencies, boosting their armaments and improving coordination.

## Kachin say 10K people flee fighting in N. Myanmar

**BANGKOK (AP)**—More than 10,000 people in northern Myanmar have fled fighting between government troops and an ethnic minority group's militia, and are living in temporary camps near the Chinese border as refugees, members of the minority group said Thursday.

The website of the Kachin News Group, associated with Kachin anti-government exiles, quoted one of the group's leaders saying that refugees have fled territory under government control.

The report cited Kachin Independence Organization civil administration officer Salang Kaba Doi Pyi Sa saying that China had closed the border to refugees, but in Beijing, Foreign Ministry spokesman Hong Lei denied the allegation.

"Since the outbreak of the conflict, some of the people from Myanmar crossed the border and went to China to find their relatives and friends," Hong said. "China has provided necessary assistance in accordance with common practice."

Reports from the remote area cannot be independently confirmed.

The fighting began June 9 when government troops allegedly shelled a Kachin base in a bid to force the rebel fighters from a strategic region where China is constructing major hydropower plants.

The total number of casualties so far remains unclear. Col. James Lum Dau, a Kachin spokesman in Thailand, said Thursday that 16 people on the government side had been killed, and 150 wounded. He said he was unable to give the number of Kachin casualties.

Myanmar's state-controlled media have not reported the fighting.

Myanmar's central government has tenuous control of many parts of the country where minority groups—many of which maintain their own militias—are strongest. It has reached cease-fire agreements with 17 ethnic minority rebel militias since 1989 and most have been allowed to keep their weapons and maintain some autonomy over their areas.

The 8,000-strong Kachin militia reached a peace deal with the country's former rul-

ing junta in 1994, but the truce broke down last year after the militia rejected a call by the government for them become border guards under army leadership. The junta made the appeal ahead of last November's elections, Myanmar's first in 20 years, which introduced the nominally civilian government now in power.

Reached by phone, Chinese local officials said refugees who had fled into China required little government assistance, as they found food and shelter with their friends and relatives, and that many have returned to Myanmar.

"As the situation gradually eases, the Myanmar border residents have started to go back to the Myanmar side," said Sun Konglong, vice general-secretary of the government of Dehong, a border prefecture in Yunnan province.

Another official, Shen Yu, from the Dehong emergency affairs office, said the refugees started arriving June 8 and numbered up to 300. Shen said more than half of them have already returned to Myanmar.

dead or missing. China's flood control agency says that coastal Zhejiang province's main river is at its highest level since 1955. It said Friday that the Qiantang River was 7.9 feet (2.4 meters) above safety levels.

### Indonesia cleric gets 15 years for inciting terror

**JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)**—The Indonesian Muslim cleric known as spiritual leader of the militants who carried out the deadly 2002 Bali bombings was sentenced Thursday to 15 years in prison for his support of a terror training camp uncovered last year. Abu Bakar Bashir's conviction for incitement of terrorism followed two unsuccessful attempts by prosecutors over the past eight years to link him to terror activities, including a conviction that was later overturned in the Bali attacks that killed 202 people. The relatively stern sentence for Bashir, now 72, shows Indonesia's continuing resolve to tackle its deadly extremist movement.

# World

## Al-Zawahri succeeds bin Laden as al-Qaida leader

**CAIRO (AP)**—Osama bin Laden's longtime second-in-command, Ayman al-Zawahri, has taken control of al-Qaida, the group declared Thursday, marking the ascendancy of a man driven by hatred of the United States who helped plan the 9/11 attacks.

Al-Zawahri is considered the organizational brain of the terror group, highly skilled at planning and logistics. Analysts said he could set his sights on a spectacular attack and on building up al-Qaida's already robust presence in Yemen to establish his leadership credentials.

His fanaticism and the depth of his hatred for the United States and Israel are likely to define al-Qaida's actions under al-Zawahri's tutelage. In a 2001 treatise that offered a glimpse of his violent thoughts, al-Zawahri set down al-Qaida's strategy: to inflict "as many casualties as possible" on the Americans.

"Pursuing the Americans and Jews is not an impossible task," he wrote. "Killing them is not impossible, whether by a bullet, a knife stab, a bomb or a strike with an iron bar."

Al-Zawahri's hatred of America was also deeply personal: His wife and at least two of their six children were killed in a U.S. airstrike following the 2001 U.S. invasion of Afghanistan after the 9-11 attacks.

The Egyptian-born al-Zawahri had been expected to inherit al-Qaida's leadership, although the delay in announcing his succession led some counterterrorism analysts to speculate about a power struggle following the May 2 killing of bin Laden in a U.S. raid in Pakistan.

"The general command of



This image made from videotape posted on the Internet on Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2005 shows al-Qaida's then deputy leader, Ayman al-Zawahri.

al-Qaida, after completing consultations, declares Abu Mohammed, Ayman al-Zawahri, God help him, the one leading the group," said a statement attributed to al-Qaida and posted on militant websites, including several known to be affiliated with the group.

It gave no details about the selection process but said the choice of al-Zawahri was the best tribute to the memory of the group's "martyrs."

Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said the U.S. will pursue the new al-Qaida leader just as it did bin Laden.

"As we did both seek to capture and succeed in killing bin Laden, we certainly will do the same thing with Zawahri," he said at a news conference in Washington.

Al-Zawahri, who turns 60 on Sunday and has a \$25 million bounty on his head, takes control of al-Qaida at a time when it is struggling to stay relevant in the face of popular uprisings across the Arab world that are demanding Western-style democracy instead of the

pan-Islamic nation sought by Islamists.

Still, the lawlessness gripping Yemen, a poor Arabian Peninsula nation, offers al-Qaida a rare opportunity to gain a strategic foothold in the Arab world, bringing it a step closer to the ability to export its extremist brand of Islam to the region.

"He will send his best fighters and organizers there," said Abdel-Rehim Ali, an Egyptian expert on terrorism and extremist Islamic groups. "Yemen is the closest target and a great start for al-Zawahri to realize his dream of an Islamic emirate."

Al-Qaida militants and their allies in Yemen already have taken advantage of the turmoil there to seize control of towns in the south and strike deals with local garrisons to train with weaponry and live openly.

Al-Zawahri, a trained surgeon who hails from an upper-middle-class Cairo family, lacks the populist appeal of his late boss, throwing into doubt whether he would be able to lure young Muslims, particularly in the West, to join al-Qaida's cause.

### WORLD BRIEFS

#### Greece wracked by political turmoil in debt crisis

**ATHENS, Greece (AP)**—Greece was wracked by political turmoil Thursday as the embattled prime minister faced down a party revolt over new austerity measures—a bitter dispute that forced the EU to hint at new loans so Greece can fend off a summer default. Prime Minister George Papandreou has struggled to garner support for a new package of euro28 billion (\$39.5 billion) in spending cuts and tax hikes demanded by the European Union and the International Monetary Fund, which last year granted his debt-ridden nation euro110 billion (\$155 billion) in bailout loans.

#### Group claims responsibility for Nigeria blasts

**ABUJA, Nigeria (AP)**—A suicide bombing blamed on radical Islamist militants killed at least two people in the parking lot of the police headquarters in Abuja Thursday, police said, the latest deadly bombing to roil the capital of Africa's most populous nation. An-

other blast Thursday in the country's restive northeast killed three children and was also blamed on the radical Muslim sect known locally as Boko Haram. Abu Zaid, a man claiming to speak for Boko Haram told the BBC's Hausa language service that the group is responsible for the blast that hit the Abuja police headquarters 8:45 p.m. Zaid's voice was not broadcasted on the radio show. He did not specify that it was suicide bomb.

#### Mexico says \$250 million in oil stolen in 4 months

**MEXICO CITY (AP)**—Increasingly sophisticated thieves stole thousands of barrels per day of oil products from Mexico's state-owned oil company in the first four months of 2011, thefts worth about \$250 million, the company's director said Thursday. Those thefts amounted to almost one million barrels in the first four months of the year, a level almost 50 percent more than what thieves stole in the same period of 2010, according to the Petroleos Mexicanos oil company, also known as Pemex.

### ASIAN BRIEFS

#### Reports: SKorea redeploys missiles near border

**SEOUL, South Korea (AP)**—News reports say South Korea has redeployed some of its U.S.-made missiles capable of striking Pyongyang to sites near the tense border with North Korea. Yonhap news agency reported Friday that the redeployment of Army Tactical Missile System rockets was made in response to North Korea's shelling of a border island in November, which killed four South Koreans. Yonhap cited unidentified military sources as saying the surface-to-surface missile has a range of about 100 miles (160 kilometers).

#### Chinese river at highest level since 1955

**BEIJING (AP)**—China's flood control agency says a river in eastern China is at its highest level in more than 50 years as continuing rains cause landslides and flooding. Flooding in the country this month has already led to thousands of people leaving their homes and left more than 170 people



# Maharlika

## PINOY LIFE IN THE MARIANAS

Saturday, June 18, 2011

### Star-studded 2011 Pistang Pinoy draws hundreds

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The Civic Center in Susupe was transformed into a festive fairground last Sunday when Filipinos on Saipan gathered to commemorate Philippine Independence Day through the 2011 Pistang Pinoy.

Hundreds of Filipinos were joined by other community members in a whole day of fun and activities during the annual event organized by the United Filipino Organization.

About 20 food and merchandise vendors set up booths at the event. Various activities such as the 3-on-3 basketball game, raffle draw, trivia contest, drawing contest, and other games were also held during the event.

Entertainment for the crowd was provided by various performers, including the Umang Glee Club, Gloria Dei Choir, Nikki Canape, Erica Faye



CLARISSA V. DAVID

Officers and members of the United Filipino Organization pose for a group photo as they wait for the start of the 2011 Pistang Pinoy program last June 12 at the Civic Center in Susupe.

Tubera, Rose Dance Studio, Prinze the Magician, Bayani Association Dance Group, The Chocolate Factory, Uncle Ben's Dream Academy Stars, Green Meadow School Dance Crew, Playmates, Cornerstone Performing Arts Group, New Generation Dancers, Hi-Pitch Band, and Kids Legacy.

Filipino singer Geneva Cruz and the Guam-based The Respect band also showed up at the event to the delight of the audience who had their cameras ready to take snapshots of the guest artists.

In an interview, UFO president Bong Malasarte said he was very pleased about the event's turnout. "A lot of people came and made it a very successful event," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

Malasarte thanked all organization officers and members and sponsors who volunteered and donated cash and in-kind "despite the tough economy."

### Jimmy B on his career choices

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Becoming a priest was all that Jimmy Blancia ever thought about while growing up.

"I should have been a *pri* [priest]. But instead, I became *padre de pamilya*," quipped Blancia, who is more popularly known as DJ Jimmy B. of Magic 100.3FM.

Blancia, 38, was born in the town of Bula in Camarines Sur province in the Philippines and was raised in Naga City.

According to Blancia, he went as far as enrolling in a minor seminary in his hometown. "I was enrolled there for a year then I eventually left and continued my studies at the University of Nueva Caceres in Naga."

Blancia, who took up political science in college, said it was his father, a retired Philippine Constabulary officer, who advised him that he should consider taking up a "radio course."

"I was in third year high school when he retired and told me, 'Son, you should take up a course in radio,'" he said.

Little did Blancia realize that his father was referring to the field of general radio communications operation, not broadcasting or being a DJ.



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Jimmy Blancia, more popularly known as DJ Jimmy B. of Magic 100.3FM, smiles for the camera while inside the radio booth yesterday afternoon.

"So when he first heard me on the radio, he was really surprised and asked me what I was doing," Blancia chuckled.

#### Radio career

Blancia began his career in broadcasting back in the Philippines, when he was just a sophomore in college.

"I had a friend who worked as a reporter at an AM radio station, DWMP, which was owned by then governor Luis Villafuerte," he recalled.

Blancia said his reporter friend, who was also studying at the University of Nueva Caceres, encouraged him to work at the radio station while in college.

"He saw my potential and asked me to try and become a working student," he told *Saipan Tribune*. "He introduced me to the station manager, Gil Basmayor, Jr."

Blancia got on board as a volunteer reporter in Basmayor's morning show and received an allowance every 15<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> of the month.

"My first beat was the Naga Police Station. I would wake up at 5am, go to the police station to check police blotters," he recalled.

When the radio station shut down, Blancia transferred to DWRN where he met production director Joel Buena and station manager Celso Baguio.

"My assignment was to cover the Army Press Corps and the PNP Provincial Command. I worked there for one and a half years and received a monthly compensation of P2,500," he disclosed.

According to Blancia, he worked at another radio station in Naga city, DWNW, before flying out to Saipan in 1997.

#### Radio life on Saipan

Blancia said his older brother was already working as a salesman on island before he got here to work as a merchandiser at Yun's Corp. "I worked for them for six months," he said.

It was in 2000 when Blancia started working for KWAU Magic 100.3FM, the radio station established in October 1999 and located on the ground floor of the then Nauru Building (now Marianas Business Plaza) in Susupe.

"I was one of the first two DJs of the station, along with Rolly Mamuntag," he said. "My initial time slot was from 8pm to midnight."

Blancia recalled how challenging their operation began, when they would get requested songs only through fax since they didn't have a landline yet.

"It was difficult then. Good thing we've upgraded our music software and recording system now," he said.

These days, radio listeners can hear Blancia from 6pm to 10pm hosting Metro Manila news, Greetings and Requests, *Payong Kapatid*, and Public Service.

Blancia disclosed that most of his listeners who have yet to meet him think that he is a big guy. "They think that way because of my voice."

Blancia believes that being a DJ is more than just being on air. "As I go along, I've learned that I have the ability to help others. That's what my mission is all about, to serve others by being a radio personality."

According to Blancia, his 11-year-old son has already expressed an interest in the field of broadcasting. "He really likes it. I would bring him to the studio and he has shown a lot of potential in his voice recordings," he said.

Blancia advised that broadcasting is a profession that should come from the heart. "Just like me, I never thought I'd be in this field. You don't need to be a graduate of broadcasting communication or related field. You should just put your heart into it and you can never go wrong."

### UFO weighs joining LibDay parade

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Following a successful Pistang Pinoy celebration, the United Filipino Organization will now start planning for its participation in the upcoming Liberation Day festivities.

The Liberation Day celebration kicked off last night with the opening of the festival grounds at the Garapan Fishing Base. It will be highlighted by the Fourth of July parade that involves various ethnicities and organizations.

UFO president Bong Malasarte said yesterday that group officers will now have regular meetings to decide on their involvement in the annual celebration. When asked if UFO will participate in the traditional Fourth of July parade, Malasarte replied, "We still have to think it over and decide as a group."

According to Malasarte, the economic challenge facing the Commonwealth would be one factor that will be considered in deciding whether or not to participate in the parade.

"To be part of the parade would mean expenses for the organization," he told *Saipan Tribune*. "It was already challenging to get sponsors for the *Pistang Pinoy*. We'll decide in our meeting."



# 2011 Pistang Pinoy

Photos by CLARISSA V. DAVID



Members of the Alternatibong Kagalingan na Angkop sa Pamanang Pinoy or AKAP Pinoy pose for a group photo before they started serving breakfast during the Philippine Independence Day celebration at the ground floor of Marianas Business Plaza in Susupe.



Filipino singer Geneva Cruz greets the audience as she makes an appearance at the 2011 Pistang Pinoy festivities before going back to Manila last Sunday.



Bayani Association members enjoy the Pistang Pinoy festivities at their booth.



United Filipino Organization vice presidents Hector Sevilla and Jun Liberato join friends at the 2011 Pistang Pinoy celebration.



Tau Gamma Phi members and guests smile for the camera at the 2011 Pistang Pinoy grounds.



Armed with smiles, La Mocha Café staff prepare to serve a female customer.



Members of the Marianas Association of Filipino Engineers and Architects pose for a group photo at their booth.



Some of the 37 graduates of the Computer Class, who have obtained international certifications for building and fixing computers, have their photo taken after the Philippine Independence Day program last Sunday.

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# Church sues Gloria Macapagal Arroyo on slays

## » UCCP seeks P5M in damages

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The red and white ribbons tied to a tree in front of the Quezon City Hall of Justice made for a pretty sight, but what they carried was grim: the names of people killed, wounded or have disappeared in the course of human rights violations purportedly committed by the past administration.

The ribbons were left by representatives of the United Church of Christ in the Philip-

pines (UCCP) after filing a lawsuit on Thursday against former President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo at the Quezon City Regional Trial Court.

The UCCP is asking Arroyo, now a representative of her home province of Pampanga, to pay at least P5 million for human-rights abuses allegedly committed against six leaders of the group during her administration.

The plaintiffs are Bishop Reuel Norman Marigza, the UCCP secretary general, Pastor Berlin Guerrero, and the kin of the late Joel Baclao Jr., Rev. Edison Lapuz, Andy Pawican, Rev.

Raul Domingo and Noel "Noli" Capulong.

The victims were killed in their respective provinces by supposed military operatives from 2004 to 2007.

Guerrero, a licentiate pastor of northeast Southern Tagalog, was the only plaintiff who could personally complain of abuse. He said he was illegally detained and tortured, also by the military, on May 27, 2007, in Laguna province.

### Relentless persecution

Speaking in a press conference at the UCCP chapel in Quezon City, Marigza said the UCCP

filed the suit in an effort to end the "culture of impunity" in the country.

"[W]e take action against the relentless persecution and brutalization of the Church, especially being labeled 'enemy of the state' through various counterinsurgency operations of the military establishment. This false and malicious tagging has unjustly permitted UCCP persons to be 'neutralized' in the name of so-called national security," Marigza said. (See In the Know on this channel.)

In their 18-page complaint, the plaintiffs said that while Arroyo was the President and

Commander in Chief of the military, "numerous church pastors and leaders were either liquidated, harassed, unlawfully detained or tortured with impunity by military agents and operatives, who, by law, were then all under her ultimate control and command responsibility."

They said the victims were killed or abused under the "Oplan Bantay Laya" counterinsurgency program during the Arroyo administration.

As though to remind the courts to act on their appeal, the UCCP and the families of the murder victims also left a cardboard sign bearing a biblical passage on the tree fronting Quezon City's Hall of Justice: "Let justice roll down like waters; and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream." (Amos 5:24)

### Shooting victims

Baclao was a lay preacher of the UCCP and coordinator of the "Andurog-Bicol" disaster relief program.

He was shot dead in front of his house in Lacag, Daraga, Albay province on Nov. 10, 2004, leaving behind two young children. His mother, Rosa, represents him in the complaint.

Lapuz, of the Bethany Hospital Compound on Real Street, Tacloban City, was UCCP church minister and also chair of the local chapter of the human rights group Karapatan.

He was shot dead by alleged military agents on May 12, 2005, rendering two small children orphans. His wife, Emma, represents him in the complaint.

Pawican, of San Jose, Nueva Ecija province, was also shot dead on May 21, 2006.

He was an outreach pastor of the UCCP Pantabangan congregation. His wife, Dominga, represents him in the complaint.

Domingo, of San Jose, Puerto Princesa, Palawan province, was shot on Aug. 20, 2005, but

died in hospital on Sept. 2.

He was a UCCP pastor and chair of Karapatan-Palawan. His wife, Evelyn, survived him.

Capulong, of Elepano I Subdivision, Calamba, Laguna province, was killed by a burst of gunfire on May 27, 2007, as he made his way to visit community volunteers in Barangay Parian, Calamba.

Aside from heading the UCCP Christian Witness and Service Program in Calamba, he was a local leader of the Bayan Muna party-list group and a father of two.

His wife, Teodora Montealto, represents him in the case.

Guerrero said he was abducted in front of his family while he was on his way from the local church at Malaban, Santa Rosa, Laguna, on May 27, 2007.

He said he was detained for 16 months and tortured by military operatives.

### Living in fear

Through their counsel Emilio Capulong Jr., the plaintiffs asked Arroyo to pay at least P1 million in damages to the UCCP; at least P500,000 each to the plaintiff kin of the victims; at least P300,000 in moral damages to Guerrero; P500,000 in exemplary damages; P300,000 in lawyers' fees; and P300,000 in litigation expenses.

In the complaint, the UCCP named more than 20 other church members who were victims of human rights violations under the Arroyo administration, but did not include them as plaintiffs "on account of their kin being unsettled and living in fear."

"Not only has [Arroyo] not been prosecuted for the staggering number of extrajudicial killings and human rights violations under her command, neither has any of the actual military perpetrators been brought to justice," Marigza said.

## Cebu Pacific buys 37 Airbus jets worth \$3.8B

MANILA, Philippines (AFP)—Budget carrier Cebu Pacific announced Thursday it had ordered 37 new Airbus jets worth \$3.8 billion as part of its ambitious plans to expand operations across the Asia Pacific.

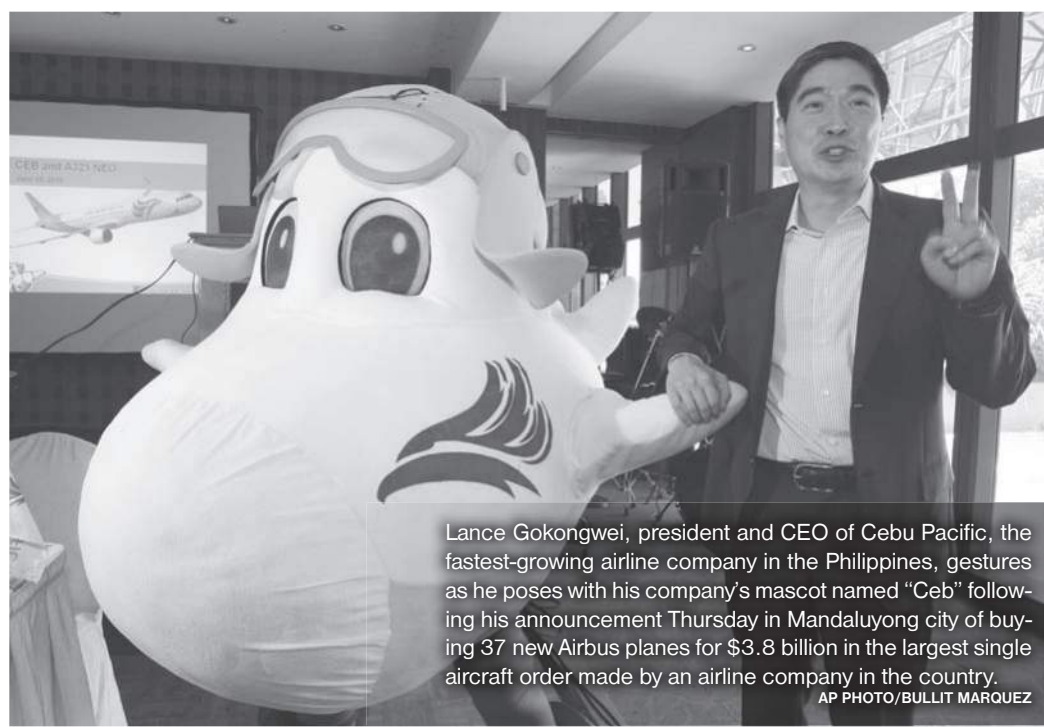
Cebu Pacific chief executive Lance Gokongwei told a news conference his company had ordered 30 Airbus A321neo jets and seven A320 aircraft, to be delivered between 2015 and 2021.

He said the airline also had another option for 10 more A321neo jets, which can carry more people and fly longer distances than the A320s that currently dominate Cebu Pacific's fleet.

"These 220-seater aircraft will be a game changer for Cebu Pacific," Gokongwei said.

"We will be able to serve cities in Australia, India and northern Japan, places the A320 cannot reach."

Cebu Pacific is already the number one airline in the Philippines in terms of passenger



Lance Gokongwei, president and CEO of Cebu Pacific, the fastest-growing airline company in the Philippines, gestures as he poses with his company's mascot named "Ceb" following his announcement Thursday in Mandaluyong city of buying 37 new Airbus planes for \$3.8 billion in the largest single aircraft order made by an airline company in the country. AP PHOTO/BULLIT MARQUEZ

numbers, having expanded rapidly in recent years to overtake national carrier Philippine Airlines.

In October last year it raised P23.3 billion (\$540 million) in the country's biggest initial

public offering in dollar terms to help fund its expansion plans.

Cebu Pacific currently flies to more than 30 destinations within the Philippines and 15 in Asia.

Gokongwei said Cebu Pa-

cific was aiming to see passenger numbers in its domestic operations grow 10-15 percent a year, with an even more ambitious target of 25-percent annual growth for its international division.

## US envoy twits Philippine record vs human trafficking

### » No reason to 'drink champagne', says Thomas

By JEFFREY M. TUPAS  
INQUIRER MINDANAO

### DAVAO CITY, Philippines

—United States Ambassador to the Philippines Harry K. Thomas Jr. expressed displeasure over the country's performance in the battle against human trafficking, saying there was no reason for the government to "drink champagne" over the number of cases resolved.

"It behooves me to be honest with you but it does not matter what I say because this is your country. It is not my country. It is your country. We are only here to help," said Thomas in a speech to judges and prosecutors who gathered here Thursday for a seminar on combating human trafficking.

"This is a global problem. Yes, we have made progress but we cannot drink champagne," Thomas said.

He was referring to 25 cases involving human trafficking resolved in the country in 2010. In 2009, only 15 cases were resolved.

The cases resolved, he said, showed that the Philippine judiciary was improving.

"These were achieved because of the significant changes in the legal system," he said, citing the 180-day limit imposed by law for human trafficking cases to be resolved.

"But are we satisfied with 25? Is 25 something that we should be proud about? Is this something to celebrate? That is what I ask. Is it something we have to applaud? It is not. And I am not attacking you because this is a global challenge," he said.

Before this, Thomas met with officials of the anti-trafficking advocacy group Visayan Forum and some trafficking victims.

"Most of them [victims] were for domestics. But we know that there were some of them who were trafficked for

sexual purposes. And we know this evening that some ship that will be coming in will be taking some people," he said.

The challenge, Thomas said, was for the authorities to make sure that the ports were well guarded and ensure that no one got aboard to end up somewhere else only to be abused.

Thomas said also that the government must address the underlying reasons for human trafficking — lack of livelihood and employment.

He narrated the story told to him by Filipinas who were supposed to go to Bahrain as domestics but were fearful of what they might have to face.

"I asked why and they said they were afraid they might be sexually abused but they have no opportunity to get a job in the Philippines. And we meet people like them every day. Don't they deserve equal opportunity?" Thomas said.

"So it is up for us, in the United States, to help you with your progress. But we cannot

do it alone. We need your help. Your fellow Filipinos need your help. Please help these young boys and girls," he said.

Justice Adolfo Azcuna, chancellor of the Philippine Judicial Academy, agreed with the observation made by Thomas.

"Human trafficking is bad. It is a form of human rights violation... I agree that the Philippines must make improvements and we are grateful for the support that they [US government] are extending to the Philippines for us to fight trafficking in humans," Azcuna said.

Davao Judge Virgina Europa said the judges and the prosecutors who attended the seminar vowed they would help in "curbing or totally eliminating trafficking in persons cases."

She said trafficking in humans was common in the Southern parts of the country, particularly the island provinces of Basilan and Tawi-Tawi — because of their proximity to Malaysia and Indonesia.

## Coral poachers flee PH

Senate President Juan Ponce Enrile on Monday demanded the sacking of two prosecutors for sitting on criminal cases against a Chinese trader and his wife who later fled the country after being tagged in a foiled attempt to smuggle P35 million worth of black corals.

Enrile also directed the Department of Justice to seek the extradition of Li Yu Ming, alias Joe Pring, and his Filipino wife Olivia Li, who reportedly escaped before authorities could place them on an immigration hold-departure order.

At the resumption of the Senate hearing on the smuggling attempt, Enrile thrashed Zamboanga City Assistant Prosecutors Alfredo Jimenez Jr. and Gladly Bernabe for delaying the resolution of poaching cases against the Li couple.

Enrile called the prosecutors inept and asked for their

resignation, even as he recommended that the justice department take over the investigation of the cases against the couple.

"They have to be brought here to answer [charges]. We're not going to be satisfied with filing a case. We want a conviction," he said.

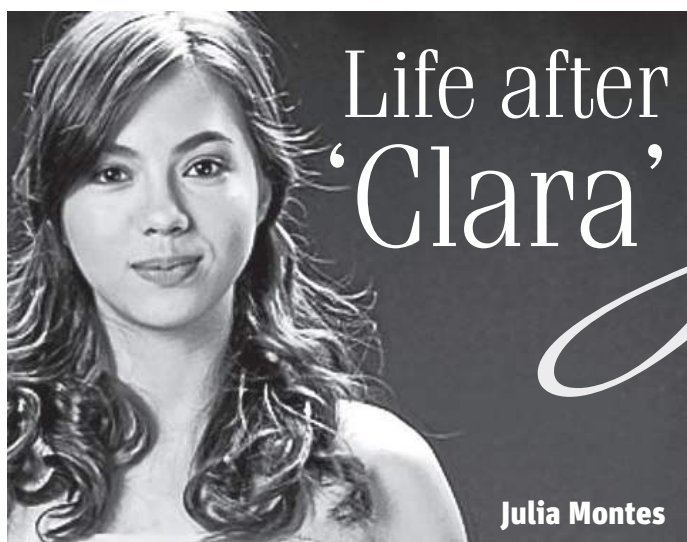
Customs agents seized a P35-million cargo of black corals, sea shells and stuffed green sea turtles that arrived at the Manila port on May 1 from Cotabato.

The marine species, believed to have been gathered in Moro Gulf, were bound for either China or Europe, where the items could be fashioned into jewelry, officials said.

Agents under Senate Sergeant at Arms Jose Balajadia and policemen served the arrest warrants on the Li couple in their residences in Zamboanga City on Friday, but they failed to locate them. (Philippine Daily Inquirer)



# Maharlika – PinoyStyle



By **BAYANI SAN DIEGO JR.**  
PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

Julia Montes was initially hesitant to accept the role of Clara, spiteful tormentor of Mara in the recently concluded ABS-CBN remake of the soap opera “Mara Clara.”

Julia, 16, admitted she was afraid of being typecast as a contravida. Now she hopes for more challenging roles and is eyeing the type of characters previously played by Claudine Barretto.

“I remember watching ‘Anak’ on TV,” Julia said. In the 2000

movie, Claudine portrayed prodigal daughter to Vilma Santos. “I’d like to play a similar character, so I’d be pushed to do something different.”

How about Claudine’s mermaid role in the remake of “Marina”? She quipped, “I can swim!”

Julia’s “Mara Clara” rival Kathryn Bernardo is being groomed as the next Judy Ann Santos. But like Kathryn, Julia wants to be her own person, thank you. “When we met Judy Ann (the original Mara) and Gladys (Reyes, the original Clara), they advised us to be ourselves,” Julia recalled.

Before “Mara Clara” beckoned, Julia, a graduate of the kiddie show, “Going Bulilit,” dreamt of becoming a flight stewardess or a chef. Now show biz fame is within reach (she and Kathryn are sought-after cover girls of mags like Star Studio and Chalk) but she still wants to continue her studies.

“I hope to enroll in Angelicum College and take up either tourism or culinary arts,” said Julia. She is working hard, balancing show biz and studies, for her family—grandmother, mother and siblings.

She has always candidly dis-

cussed her modest background and never hid the fact that her mom is hearing impaired. “She’s deaf and mute,” Julia clarified. “I’ve had to learn sign language.”

Mom was an avid fan of “Mara Clara,” the proud daughter recounted. “She followed the story by simply observing,” Julia related. “She felt the emotions. When she didn’t understand anything, she asked me and I explained it to her.”

Pleasing her mother in this simple way is something that Julia considers a “major achievement.”

By **DOLLY ANNE CARVAJAL**  
PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

## Cherry Pie willing to work again with Baron

Cherry Pie Picache is more than willing to forgive Baron Geisler, against whom she earlier filed a formal complaint for groping her on the set. “I’m glad he’s in rehab,” she says. “I’m also happy to hear that he wants to apologize to me.” Is she also willing to work with Baron again? “He’s a good actor,” she says. “As long as he behaves next time, we shouldn’t have a problem.”

Speaking of work, the Urian Actress of the Decade is proud of her latest indie film, “Isda,” inspired by a feature years ago

in my mom’s program, “Eye to Eye,” about a woman who gave birth to a mudfish. What about Pie’s own motherhood stories? “My son Noyo is starting to ask about the birds and the bees,” she reveals.

“I don’t sugarcoat my answers because I want him to grow up as a realist. I am a disciplinarian but I don’t spank my kid because I believe that the hands used for caressing should not be used for spanking.”

How is her relationship with her ex (Noyo’s dad)? “He’s no absentee father,” Pie explains.

“We have an unusual setup because we still see each other daily, which is good for our son’s well-being.” Doesn’t she yearn for a lifetime partner to share her achievements with? “God has blessed me with so much,” she says, beaming.

“I dare not ask for more. But if Mr. Right comes along, I’m willing to turn my back on show biz, if necessary.”

Even with a missing piece in her Pie, life will always be a bowl of Cherries for the actress because of her joie de vivre which she spreads so generously.

### Goma’s tweet

Richard Gomez’s tweet cracked me up: “Neighbor na namin si Manny Pacquiao. Gusto ko makita mag-ballroom dancing si Mommy Dionisia. Pacman’s got the moves in the boxing ring while Mommy D has the grooves on the dance floor. Goma’s fab wifey Lucy might teach Mommy D more dance steps.”

### Memories of dad

**AIKO MELENDEZ:** I am the female version of my Dad; carbon copy niya ako. I got my passion for acting from him. He

paved the way to show biz for me, which somehow gave me an edge since I was carrying his name at the height of his popularity in the 1980s.

**GARY VALENCIANO:** “Every time I look at my Dad, one thing consistently stands out: his humility. This, above all, is the value that I look upon as a good lesson to relearn time and time again.”

**CESAR MONTANO:** “My father told me why he gave me just the exact amount of money for my baon in school. He said, ‘The easiest way to make life

difficult for your children is to make it easy for them.’ I used to hate that. My Dad was a lawyer. When he passed on, he left no material things for me but I’ve realized that his words have helped me in everything I did. I still draw from Tatay Evo’s wisdom as I raise my own kids.”

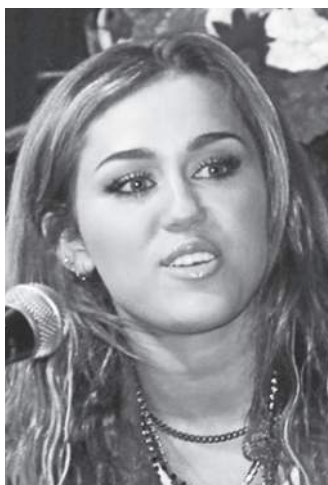
**LANI MERCADO:** “They say I’m like my Dad ‘cause I communicate well and I can implement plans. I’m particularly proud that he retired from the Armed Forces during my formative years so he could take care of me and Mom. He was my mentor, best friend and tutor. I miss him very much; he passed away in 1998.”

## Miley Cyrus fresh a day before her Manila concert

By **RUTH L. NAVARRA**  
PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

**MANILA, Philippines**—The first thing Miley Cyrus tweeted about Manila when she got here was how the time zones are whacking her out.

Yet, she appeared fresh and excited when she entered a fully-packed room filled with members of the press at the Mandarin Oriental Hotel in Makati City. She wore a brown vest over a white sleeveless top, faux leather shorts, and high-heeled espadrilles. Her accessories were kept at minimum with a few simple rings and a



International pop star Miley Cyrus answers questions from the press at the Mandarin Hotel in Makati for her show Friday (June 17) at the SM Mall of Asia Concert Grounds.

long necklace with beads. Her curly, dirty blonde hair stretched past her chest.

“The fans have been amazing. I’ve been on this show (this morning) and they’re all super stoked. They had signs. It’s just great when you see people excited. I guess it helps when it’s your first time here,” she said when asked what her thoughts are about Manila.

Miley performed live at the SM Mall of Asia Concert Grounds Friday night as part of her Gyp-

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sy Heart World Tour. Manila is her only stop in Asia before she continues the tour in Australia. A source from the Future Entertainment Inc. said that they were expecting at least 30,000 people to attend the concert.

She talked about her recent tour in South America when asked how it feels to perform in a crowd who spoke a different language.

“I think it’s really amazing. I think it’s more of a spiritual connection when you see people cry, you see people laugh (because of your songs). It’s all right if we don’t speak the same language because my music works that out for us.”



**KC Concepcion and Sam Milby**

## For Sam, KC love was not on to-do list

By **MARINEL R. CRUZ**  
PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

Their closeness placed actors KC Concepcion and Sam Milby at a disadvantage when they first began filming “Forever and a Day,” according to director Cathy Garcia-Molina.

“They’re such good friends that they can’t seem to look at each other as lovers,” Molina told entertainment writers recently. “The first shooting days were tough—puro chikahan, kulitan. It became so disruptive, I asked KC and Sam not to talk to each other on the set.”

“I was supposed to direct Sam in a movie but with a different leading lady,” said Molina, who made the box-

office hits “One More Chance” (2007), “A Very Special Love” (2008) and “You Changed My Life” (2009). “When I saw them together, I was convinced that this was doable.”

Molina, who has worked with Sam in four movies since 2006, said the 27-year-old looker is “a revelation” in this new film. She said he has become one of her favorite actors.

Sam explained, “Every actor has different method. I just feel the character.”

“Forever and a Day,” which also features Matet de Leon, Rayver Cruz, Robin Da Roza, Spanky Manikan, Bem-bol Roco and Dante Rivero, opened in over 100 theaters nationwide on Wednesday.

## Pagcor search winner was about to give up

After a four-month nationwide search for exceptional amateur singers, the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corp. and Organisasyon ng Pilipinong Mang-aawit recently named the “1st Total OPM Performer.”

Marie Joyce Tañaña of Angeles City was named grand winner of the search, “OPM@PAGCOR.” Grand finals night was held at the Pagcor Grand Theater of the Airport Casino Filipino in Parañaque City.

Tañaña bested 13 other grand finalists with her rendition of “Tila,” a Lani Misalucha original. The 23-year-old band singer said it is her lucky song.

She didn’t expect to win in the face of such formidable competition, Tañaña said. “I

thought I’d just take my consolation prize after the finals and ask Pagcor to please release me from the performance contract,” she admitted. What happened was, she took home a cash prize of P300,000, a recording contract with a major music recording company and a performance contract with Pagcor worth P500,000.

Before she joined the Pagcor search, Tañaña had landed a job with an international cruise ship and was thinking of quitting singing altogether. She recounted, “At that point, my sad past experience with singing contests was starting to make me feel like a loser. This talent show was my last attempt.”

Second placer Charles Kev-

in Tan of Bacolod City won P200,000 in cash and a performance contract worth P300,000. Tan was grateful for the training the contenders received from leading OPM personalities and music educators.

Third place winner Renz Rutherford Robosa of San Carlos City, Pangasinan, a 19-year-old education student, expressed the same sentiment. “I learned a lot from our workshops,” Robosa said. “I learned that good singing is not just about hitting the high notes, that the singer should become the song.” Robosa received P100,000 in cash prize plus a P200,000 performance contract.

### New OPM stars

All the other finalists were each

given P20,000 in cash and a P100,000 performance contract. All the prizes are tax-paid.

Bong Quintana, Pagcor assistant vice president for Entertainment, said the nightly entertainment shows of the new OPM stars start next month. All 14 grand finalists will perform in Casino Filipinos nationwide.

The judges on finals night were OPM president Ogie Alcasid and his wife Regine Velasquez; Celeste Legaspi; Tet Naguiat, wife of the Pagcor chair Cristino Naguiat Jr; and Pagcor president and COO Jorge Sarmiento.

Finals night will be aired June 19 on PTV 4, at 9:15 p.m. (*Philippine Daily Inquirer*)



# Maharlika – Opinyon

## Independence Day under a Chinese cloud

What an irony that as we celebrate two historic moments, part of our territory is coveted by the most powerful nation in Asia, and our sovereignty and territorial integrity have to be guaranteed by yet another power which happens to be the most powerful in the world today.

This week began with the 113th anniversary of the day Emilio Aguinaldo cast off the colonial yoke after three and a half centuries as a Spanish colony. It ends on the eve of the sesquicentennial of the birth of Jose Rizal, the First Filipino, he who pioneered the sense that we are a nation, not a collection of tribes and linguistic groupings.

But the week's papers speak of a fragile sovereign and an unsure nation. We are alarmed over the Chinese claim that they have title over the Spratlys archipelago, asking us to stop exploring for oil in the area, and in fact occupying and arming islands that we have claimed as our own. Our leaders publicly admit that we are militarily helpless against the Chinese, and before we knew it, we were debating whether the United States would honor the 1951 Mutual Defense Agreement that says an armed attack on one party would be deemed an attack on the other.

Suddenly we find ourselves fretting over the fine print: the treaty apparently covers only an "armed attack on the metropolitan territory...or on the island territories under its jurisdiction in the Pacific Ocean." And then we rejoice when U.S. Ambassador Harry Thomas Jr. proclaims: "I assure you, in all subjects, we, the United States, are with the Philippines." He continues: "We are allies. We

will continue to work with each other in all issues including the South China Sea and Spratlys."

President Aquino is right: In this dispute with China, our salvation lies in international law. The post-World War II legal order is built upon this central principle embodied in the United Nations Charter: "All Members shall refrain in their international relations from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any states..." The Chinese naval incursions into the Spratlys certainly constitute the use of force against our territorial integrity.

Moreover, the Chinese have already signed the 2002 China-Asean Declaration on the Conduct of Parties in the South China Sea, under which all parties promised "to resolve their territorial and jurisdictional disputes by peaceful means, without resorting to the threat or use of force."

We can also draw comfort from the fact that we are not the sole objects of Chinese naval feistiness. Japan has filed a formal protest over the Chinese naval exercise right off Okinawa and in the vicinity of disputed islands currently occupied by Japan. Vietnam is up in arms over two successive incidents when the Chinese cut off cables from Vietnamese ships exploring for oil in the South China Sea. Our local rhetoric portrays us as helpless victims and China as the regional bully. Not quite, if you consider that China's other protagonists are no pushovers: Japan the global economic power and, the other, its historic enemy, Vietnam which won in the war with the United States over the erstwhile South Vietnam.

Why this sudden and high-profile belligerence by a China that has so publicly embraced the "Peaceful Rise" concept? The 2002 Code of Conduct with the Asean can be seen as reflecting faithfully the true Chinese intent: suspend all territorial contestation and please just don't shoot at one another. Why then the bellicose repetition of the Chinese claim of "indisputable sovereignty over the South China Sea"? Beijing has made that claim in the past, but now asserts it militarily in actual naval encounters. What was before a statement

of principle to be resolved in the long-term under the 2002 Code of Conduct now appears as a concrete program of action.

Perhaps this episode can be seen as a test of wills with the United States. China took umbrage when US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton proclaimed during the October 2010 Asean Summit that it considered the South China Sea territorial dispute as an international concern, and US spokesmen later referred to the United States as a stakeholder in the dispute. China reacted by saying that it considered the dispute to be a purely regional matter and advised the Americans to stay out of it.

China has now stepped up the debate, and basically tests American determination to stay the course. Perhaps China thought that its Peaceful Rise—apparently a message directed by Beijing to the Western powers not to worry about its rise in economic might—had been seen by the West as weakness.

In this sense, we are actually mere collateral damage in a larger contest. It is at these moments that we must draw strength from what Jose Rizal had taught us more than a century ago. Rizal said that the students from the Philippines studying in Spain realized that there was something that drew them together, and that they were there not

as Tagalogs, Ilokanos or Kapampangans, but as Filipinos—and thus coopted the label by which the Spanish creole called themselves, and appropriated that label for themselves. They—Rizal, Del Pilar and company—were Filipinos.

Perhaps it sounds too abstract a response to what is now seen as an actual military threat. But remember that Rizal himself had counseled against an armed uprising because he felt we didn't have enough force to oust Spain—and look at the success of the armed revolution that was brought forth by the power of his other ideas—especially that idea that we are a nation. It is merely a starting point for a nation if it wishes to brace for war, but it was the indispensable starting point from which our Philippine Revolution began.



### Passion For Reason

By RAUL PANGALANGAN  
PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

## EDITORIAL

### The coming crisis

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The country's population grows by about two million every year. That's like adding half the population of Singapore, or a third of Hong Kong's, every 12 months. Feeding an enormous, fast-growing population is difficult enough; feeding it at a time of gathering crisis taxes a nation's resources to the utmost limit.

Against this background, Oxfam's "Growing a Better Future: Food Justice in a Resource-Constrained World" makes for chilly, upsetting reading. *Inquirer* columnist Cielito Habito has already touched upon some of the more startling estimates or statistics gathered by Oxfam, an international network of NGOs present in 99 countries: over 925 million people around the globe go hungry every day; as much as 25 percent of food in developed economies go to waste; the biofuels initiative means some 40 percent of the U.S. corn crop goes to feed motor vehicles, not human stomachs; the world's population is expected to breach 9 billion by 2050.

The Philippines is especially vulnerable to a food shock. It is only about 81 percent food self-sufficient; despite improvements, about 13 million hectares of agricultural land are showing declines in "net primary productivity." Most of the country's most important fishing grounds are overfished. In 2008, the UN Food and Agriculture Organization included the Philippines on its list of countries with "severe localized food insecurity" (meaning external assistance was required). In 2010, the Nomura investment house named the country as one of 80 countries highly vulnerable to food price surges.

Unfortunately, when food prices spike, poor families bear the brunt. Oxfam research shows that those families that spend three-fourths of their meager income on food end up sacrificing education, health and medicine.

What can be done? Philippine initiatives cannot be implemented in isolation from those of other countries, but the following seem necessary:

We can greatly increase investments in agriculture and in fisheries, taking particular care to invest in the future of farmer and fishers through capacity-building programs. We can reconsider the country's commitment to the biofuels agenda, taking particular heed of those voices warning that more biofuels investment can only lead to food insecurity. Not least, we can recruit the country's smartest minds, the best scholars and experts, in a Manhattan Project-type of effort to find a way to protect even more of our crops from the deadly but predictable typhoons. The idea is to minimize crop damage as much as possible.

Closer to home, in the cities where newspapers are read and online social media have taken root, we can try a variation of Oxfam's name-and-shame campaign. The original campaign helped to dramatically lower the costs of HIV medicine; perhaps a local campaign led by Oxfam and its partners in the Philippines can help prevent food wastage, possibly by taking a closer and more skeptical look at all those eat-all-you-can, rice-all-you-can, drink-all-you-can promos. Excess encourages waste.

## Homesick in Madrid

Madrid is one of my favorite cities, because of its museums, cuisine, and the warmth of its people who maintain a special affection for Filipinos. A Filipino historian can trace so much history in Madrid's streets. Like the Avenida de Filipinas that leads to a monument exactly like the one we have in Luneta. Celia Ana Fera of the Philippine Embassy has been busy coordinating events connected with Rizal@150: a photo exhibit on Rizal sent by our Historical Commission that was installed in the busy "Islas Filipinas" Metro stop, my Rizal lecture in the Museo Nacional de Antropologia, the naming of the Jardin Rizal, and the inauguration of a "Sentro Rizal" in our embassy by Sen. Edgardo Angara and our Ambassador Carlos Salinas.

On my first night here we had tapas in a restaurant with Filipino staff in an area frequented by Rizal over a century ago. Walking in Madrid reminds me of the effort it took to unlearn the anti-colonial brainwashing we get in school. While we must remember Gomburza, Rizal, the Philippine Revolution of 1896, the abuses of the Guardia Civil and some friars best remembered as Damasos and Salvis, we must come to terms with our past. One must remember, understand and move on—the reason we celebrate the little known Filipino-Spanish Friendship Day every year on June 30.

Rizal felt at home in Europe in the same way Filipinos today feel at home in the United States. When he arrived in Madrid in 1882 via Marseilles and Barcelona, he wrote: "Tell your friends, those who have means, that I invite their sons to come to these countries. I should like the coming generation, the generation that will govern and lead Calamba by the beginning of the 20th century, to be enlightened, brilliant, intelligent, and progressive."

His letters to his family often refer to his allowance, and narrate his experiences in relation to memories of home. To save money he didn't take a bath for over three months:

"I thought you were already very tired of angling and boating in the river, fishing day and night. If I were there, then we would still go fishing. Has our river become deeper than it was formerly? When I get home, I'll indulge in bathing to satiety. You wouldn't believe it that since the middle of August I haven't taken a bath and I haven't perspired either. That is so here. It is very cold and a bath is expensive. One pays thirty-five cents for one..."

From a budget noted in his diary, one can see that his frequent and biggest expense was for books and postage stamps. In the age before cell phones and the Internet, letters were written by hand. In a letter to his sister Panggoy (Josefa) he said:

"Yesterday I received your letter together with that of Sra. Maria.

So that you may not say that I don't answer you, I'm now going to write you, although it seems I shall lack time. I have already finished fourteen letters and yours is the shortest, because I have run out of things to say. I'm waiting to receive some guava jelly, which I guess is made by Father or Sra. Neneng, because someone here has asked me for it. Don't put me to shame. At the forthcoming carnival I'll wear my gauze shirt. If my salacot made of horn were here, I think it will attract attention. What a pity I didn't ask that it be sent here!

"Trining doesn't write me. I don't mind Choleng, because she is not at home; maybe they wouldn't let her write or she is not

ordered to write. At any rate, all of you or you alone write me often, so that you'll get used to it. Put together all your letters in one envelope and weigh them. If they are less than 15 grams, then they will not require more than one stamp. I say this because it seems that you are afraid the letter would become heavy: Don't expect me to become white and look like a Spaniard. Is Sra. Ipia there already? Do her eyes still become small when she laughs?"

He described winter in Madrid in January 1883:

"It began to rain, which was a pleasure, but it was a fine rain, tatic as we say over three, lasting one week. The streets were filled with dirty

and thick mud, the ground was slippery, and between the holes in the old and worn-out pavement were pools of water and little marshes like the lubluban ng mga carabao. Afterwards a cold that penetrates through the marrow of the bones ensues, which is the limit. How ugly was Madrid! The sidewalks and the streets are full of umbrellas whose merciful points left many one-eyed. When least expected, a wind would blow turning the unfortunate umbrella inside out, placing the owner of such a flexible gadget in a ridiculous and serious embarrassment. At least over there (Philippines), when it rains, it rains heavily enough to wash the streets, and the houses have eaves under which one can take shelter, but here the rain is very fine like matang Europa. Then the newspapers speak of storm; but my God, what storm?"

Homesickness and loneliness run over many of Rizal's letters to his family. He coped by remembering loved ones, recalling in his mind's eye the familiar places, the sounds, tastes and smell of the Philippines. Rizal's letters are relevant to overseas Filipino workers today. If they read the letters, they will see beyond the textbook hero and see themselves through the mirror of history.

Comments are welcome in my Facebook Fan Page.



### Looking Back

By AMBETH OCAMPO  
PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER



# Maharlika – Samut' Sari

## CONGRATULATIONS

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Congratulations to Olivia Leung on your graduation! We are so proud of you for making it to the Top 10 and for receiving both the Outstanding Female Graduate Award and the Gold President's Education Award. We wish you all the best and hope that you will continue to pursue your goals in life!



Congratulations to Jennifer Leung who graduated from Chabot College in Hayward, California. Keep up the great work and good luck on your future endeavors. We love and miss you! Greetings come from Mom, Dad, Aunt Nancy, and Uncle Mr. Wonderful.



Congratulation Stevie Cabrera on your graduation. Greetings come from Mom, Dad, Gedin family, and friends.

Congratulations to Benellen Santos Camacho! We are so proud of you for receiving the Principal's Award. We know that you worked hard for this prestigious award and you definitely deserve it. Greetings come from your proud parents and families.

## BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

Happy 3rd birthday to our wonderful and loving son, Spencer Eos Igitol Ngrakad, who is celebrating his special day today, June 18! We love you! Greetings come from Mommy, Daddy, Lyandra, Lena, and the family.



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Birthday greetings go out to Felisita R. Lisua, who is celebrating her birthday today, June 18, 2011. In photo with her is son Sergio Val R. Lisua. Greetings coming out from your two sons and friends.



## FLAME TREE DANCERS

Saipan Kidz Legacy dancers perform the conga, boggie, jazz, and waka waka at the 30th Annual Flame Tree Art Festival, held last weekend at the American Memorial Park. The group also performed a new dance routine on the last night of the event.

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## INDEPENDENCE DAY

Filipinos on Tinian celebrate the Philippines' 113th Independence Day with a Mass on Sunday, June 12, at the San Jose Parish Church. In the picture, 10th from left is Tinian parish pastor Fr. Isidro T. Ogumoro, together with some of the Filipino community members on Tinian.

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## YoungStyle

# CDC: 1 in 4 high schoolers drink soda every day

By MIKE STOBBE  
AP MEDICAL WRITER

ATLANTA (AP)—A new study shows one in four high school students drink soda every day—a sign fewer teens are downing the sugary drinks.

The study also found teens drink water, milk and fruit juices most often—a pleasant surprise, because researchers weren't certain that was the case.

"We were very pleased to see that," said the study's lead author, Nancy Bener of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Still, a quarter have at least one soda each day. And when other sugary drinks like Gatorade are also counted, the figure is closer to two-thirds of high school students drinking a sweetened beverage every day.

That's less than in the past. In the 1990s and early 2000s, more than three-quarters of teens were having a sugary drink each day, according to earlier research.

The CDC reported the figures Thursday, based on a national survey last year of more than 11,000 high school students. They appear in one of the federal agency's publications,

Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report.

Consumption of sugary drinks is considered a big public health problem, and has been linked to the U.S. explosion in childhood obesity. One study of Massachusetts schoolchildren found that for each additional sweet drink per day, the odds of obesity increased 60 percent.

## ONLINE:

CDC report: [www.cdc.gov/mmwr](http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr)

As a result, many schools have stopped selling soda or artificial juice to students.

Indeed, CDC data suggests that the proportion of teens who drink soda each day dropped from 29 percent in 2009 to 24 percent in 2010, at least partly as a result.

"It looks like total consumption is going down," said Kelly Brownell, director of Yale University's Rudd Center for Food Policy and Obesity.

But the results of the new CDC study are still a bit depressing, said Brownell, who has advocated for higher taxes on sodas.

"These beverages are the kinds of things that should be consumed once in a while as treat - not

every day," he said. "That's a lot of calories." A 20-ounce Coke, for example, has 240 calories.

Brownell also said it's possible more than a quarter of teens are drinking soda, because many people underreport things they know they shouldn't be eating or drinking.

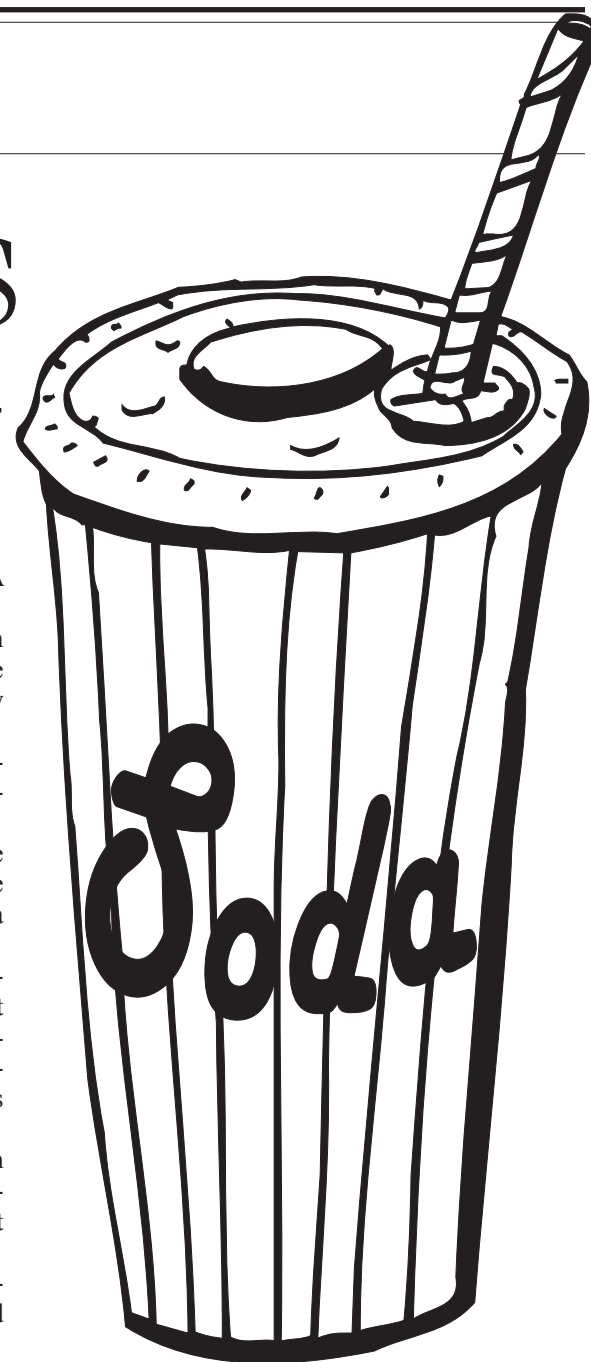
Bener agreed it's difficult to know if consumption of sugary drinks has been falling much, adding that schools are only half the battle.

"Getting them out of the schools doesn't solve the problem completely because a lot of these drinks are consumed in the home," said Bener, a CDC health scientist.

More detail: About 16 percent have a sweetened sports drink every day, and 17 percent drink some other sugary beverages like lemonade, sweetened tea and flavored milk. Black students were more likely than whites or Hispanics to drink sugary beverages.

The study also found that 7 percent of high school students drink diet soda each day, 5 percent have energy drinks and 15 percent have at least one coffee or tea.

Also, 72 percent drink a serving of water daily, 42 percent drink at least one glass of milk and 30 percent have 100 percent fruit juice.



## Kids' Krafts: Make a watering can for summer

By KATHY ANTONIOTTI  
AKRON BEACON JOURNAL

After the spring we've had this year in Ohio, it's hard to imagine the rain will ever stop. It will eventually, but perhaps not soon enough for most of us.

It's not just your imagination that this has been an unusually rainy spring. So many after-school baseball and soccer games have been canceled, there may not be enough time before the season ends for coaches to reschedule them.

Too much rain causes parents to worry about flooding and it isn't any fun playing outside when you are getting wet.

According to Cleveland National Weather Service reports, in 2011, we are 150 percent to 200 percent above the average rainfall, or eight to 10 inches more rain than we usually have by this time each year.

So, I wouldn't blame you if you thought making a watering can is folly, no matter how much fun it is. But trust me—come summer, your outdoor plants will need a hearty drink of water just as much as you will.

This elephant watering can, made with two empty gallon-size plastic milk jugs, was featured in Family Fun magazine's May edition. Younger children will need help from an adult to do some of the cutting and gluing, but older kids should be able to make it with ease.

### Supplies you will need:

- Two empty, clean gallon-size milk jugs.
- 1 lid from one of the jugs.
- Scissors.
- Black marker.
- Low-temperature glue gun.
- Large wiggle eyes.



Empty milk jugs can become an elephant watering can for kids to help keep the flowers green.

- Foam sheet, any color.
- 1 nickel.
- 4-inch plastic lid for pattern.
- 1 push pin.
- 1 wooden bamboo skewer.
- Sandwich plate.

Use scissors to cut the handle from the first jug, leaving a collar around each end.

With a push pin and wooden skewer, make eight holes 1/2-inch apart in the bend of the handle.

Trim the opposite end into a 1 1/2-inch circle. Make slits in the end for tabs.

Place a nickel on the center of the top of a jug lid and trace around it with a black marker. Cut the circle out. This is where you will need help from an adult.

Push the tabbed end through the hole and use a glue gun to attach the cap to the tabbed handle, holding

## Kids' Krafts: Duct tape creates purse for spring

By KATHY ANTONIOTTI  
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Last week, those of us living in the northern hemisphere experienced the March equinox, meaning the days and nights were almost the same number of hours and minutes in length.

Twice each year, on March 20 or 21, and Sept. 21 or 22, the sun shines most directly on the equator, making the day and night equally 12 hours in almost every part of the world.

Here, the March or vernal equinox means the start of spring. But in Manangatang, a small town in north-west Victoria, Australia, where they just experienced the autumnal equinox, my 16-year-old friend Hannah is getting ready for the cooler weather of fall to begin. Hannah will be starting her senior year next February at Manangatang P-12 College.

Equinox means equal night in Latin when the sun crosses the equator, an imaginary line around the Earth that divides the world in half.

You can celebrate spring by making a purse out of pastel Duck Brand duct tape. Decorate your bag with a silk flower, if you like. I found video instructions at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A1u8J5hEj9I>.

firmly until the glue sets.

Place the cap on the second jug. Hold with glue if necessary.

To make a filling hole, trace around the lid placed under the handle of the second jug. Use scissors to cut out the hole.

Place the plate on a foam sheet and



Duct tape creates purse for spring.

### Supplies you will need:

- Duck Brand duct tape in two pastel colors.
- Scissors.
- Silk flower (optional).

Begin by tearing off five, 14-inch strips of duct tape.

Lay each piece flat on your work surface, sticky side up, overlapping each long edge about 1/2-inch.

Cover the strips with five more pieces of tape in a contrasting color, sticky side down to make the inside

of the bag. Make sure you continue overlapping the edges.

Trim the edges to make the structure for your bag.

Seal the short sides of the piece with a piece of tape about the same length. Tear the piece in half and cover the short side edges to cover any sticky places. Trim excess.

Fold the piece in half creating a pouch. In the same way you covered the top edges, tear off a piece of tape about the length of the sides then tear it in half. Connect the sides by placing the tape on one side of the pouch and folding it over to the back side. Do the same on the opposite edge. Trim away excess.

To make a braided handle, tear three strips of tape about 18-inches in length. Fold each piece length-wise, in on itself, covering all the sticky sides of the tape. After you have three straps, lay them flat and wrap a piece of tape around the ends to hold them together.

Braid the three straps together and secure with tape. Tape each end to the inside of the purse.

Decorate by taping on a silk flower, if you like, or make a geometric pattern on the purse with more tape.

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## Life & Style

# La Toya Jackson writes of brother's death in book

**NEW YORK (AP)—**La Toya Jackson writes in her new book "Starting Over" that the first question that ran through her mind after she learned of her brother's death was, "Who killed Michael?" The book is scheduled to go on sale next week, two years after the pop star's death of a sedative overdose. Dr. Conrad Murray has pleaded not guilty to involuntary manslaughter, and trial is set for September.

La Toya Jackson says her brother often predicted he would be killed over his estate and music publishing catalog.

She also says she learned a lot about Michael's well-being in the days before his death. His daughter Paris told her that "Daddy was always cold" and that "he would always cry."

La Toya Jackson writes that she confronted Dr. Conrad Murray in the hospital shortly after her brother was pronounced dead to find out what happened and that he gave her only "evasion and excuses."

She also writes that she searched Jackson's bedroom and found it "torn to pieces," with furniture overturned and items scattered about. They included notes she believes were written by Michael indicating that he needed his father Joseph's help to

get "these people out of my life" and that he "only agreed to 10 shows."

When he died on June 25, 2009, Jackson was a few weeks away from kicking off a string of 50 shows at The O2 Arena in London. Originally only 10 concerts were announced, but tickets sold out in less than an hour and 40 more shows were added.

La Toya Jackson writes that she heard from other people in Michael's life who were suspicious of his final days, including friends and fans.

She won't be the last of her family to share their story. Brother Jermaine Jackson has a book coming out in September.



Jackson

## Actress Rita Wilson named editor of 'Huff/Post 40'

**LOS ANGELES (AP)—**The Huffington Post is launching a new site aimed at the baby boomer generation, and Rita Wilson will direct its vision and content.

AOL Huffington Post Media Group President and Editor-in-Chief Arianna Huffington said Thursday that the actress and producer will be editor-at-large of "Huff/Post 40," which is set to launch in August. She says Wilson even came up with the name of the new site.

Huffington said in an interview that the new site is designed to appeal to men and women over 40 and it will be "both about news and about people sharing their own experiences about that stage in life."

She credited her and Wilson's shared Greek heritage for setting them up to value aging as a process that brings wisdom and new possibilities.

The 54-year-old Wilson, who is married to Tom Hanks, has acted in movies, on television and on Broadway. She has also written stories on style and health for O, The Oprah Magazine and Harper's Ba-

zaar, where she has been a contributing editor since 2006.

Wilson made good on a lifelong dream to perform on Broadway at age 49, Huffington said. That drive, and Wilson's sense of humor, is what makes her the "perfect godmother" for

The HuffPo founder said she wasn't concerned about Wilson's limited experience in journalism, calling the new editor-at-large "a wonderful writer herself and she has a clear sense of what the theme of the site will be." She said they are now working to fill other top editorial positions for the new site.

"Huff/Post 40" will be uplifting and interactive, Huffington said.

"It's important to cover this with a sense of joy about this age ... that's another thing that's often missing from the writing about this stage of life," she said. "You worry about approval less; you're more clear about who you are—all those things are so liberating. It's a very liberating time of life, I say as I turn 60..."

"It's an age where you can look less at the past and more into the future."

Huffington is also looking into the future as she continues to expand her media empire with AOL. She's developing Huffington Post France; Huffington Post UK launches July 6 and Huffington Post Canada went live last month.



In this May 9, 2011 photo, actress Rita Wilson arrives at The Shakespeare Center of Los Angeles' 21st Annual Simply Shakespeare Fundraiser in Los Angeles.

## New comic book to tell Martha Stewart's life story

**PHILADELPHIA (AP)—**Martha Stewart's media aspirations just got bigger: Meet Martha Stewart, comic-book heroine.

The woman who created her own media empire—television, magazines and more—is getting a biographical treatment in her own comic book next month.

"Female Force: Martha Stewart," a one-shot issue from Bluewater Productions Inc. to be sold in comic book shops, bookstores and online, will focus on how Stewart rose to become of the nation's best-known purveyors of home decor, cooking and confident but practical living.

It's the latest in a line of titles from the Vancouver, Wash.-based publisher, with previous subjects

the new site.

"She's always following her own passions and making things happen, so I think she's a great role model," Huffington said.

in the "Female Force" family of titles focusing on Hillary Rodham Clinton, Michelle Obama, Barbara Walters, Sarah Palin and Margaret Thatcher, among others.

Publisher Darren G. Davis said the comic, written by C.W. Cooke, will look at all sides of Stewart, including her rapport with fans as well as her conviction on insider trading.

"Our goal is to show the behind-the-scenes machinations—many of them ignored by the mainstream media—that resulted in Martha Stewart becoming the phenomenon she is," he said.

A comic book, he said, was the perfect way to do that.

"A visual medium provides perspective that is not only accessible but more relatable to the average person

without losing any of the information involved," Davis said.

Cooke said he wrote the issue because Stewart embodies the "American Dream" and "sounds like a superhero," too.

"I am writing Martha Stewart as both icon and from a perspective of someone who might see her as callous, calculating and scheming," he said.

Cooke notes that in addition to being a businesswoman, entrepreneur and famous brand name, Stewart has been a model and a small business owner.

"She's been to jail and she's come out unscathed," he said. "She sounds like a superhero, but really, Martha is an amazing human being and I hope readers love learning about her as much as I did."

# Debbie Reynolds auctions off Hollywood treasures

**BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)—**Debbie Reynolds still knows how to make a splash.

She was a teenage charmer opposite Gene Kelly in "Singin' in the Rain," earned an Oscar nomination for her gutsy character in "The Unsinkable Molly Brown" and, at 79, is going strong as a nightclub and theater performer.

On Saturday, Reynolds will demonstrate her flair with an auction of movie memorabilia she's gathered over four decades and which includes costumes evoking some of film's greatest stars and roles.

Among them: The Marilyn Monroe dress that flirted with a subway gust in "The Seven Year Itch," Audrey Hepburn's stunning black-and-white Ascot race scene gown designed by Cecil Beaton for "My Fair Lady," and Elizabeth Taylor's pint-sized race togs from "National Velvet" and towering headdress from "Cleopatra."

"I consider myself a fan. I'm a fan who was lucky enough to be among stars, so I collected them," Reynolds said during an auction preview at the Paley Center for Media.

Profiles in History, the auction house, estimates the nearly 600 items could bring up to \$10 million in the sale that will also be conducted online. More of Reynolds' treasure trove is to be sold in December.

Taylor, who died in March, is among the best-represented stars in Reynolds' collection—an irony, since Reynolds became the victim in one of Hollywood's most famous love triangles when singer Eddie Fisher divorced her for Taylor.

The two women eventually appeared to put the past behind them: They co-starred in a 2001 TV movie, "These Old Broads," and Taylor ended up contributing to Reynolds' collection.

When a costume worn in "Cleopatra" by Taylor's late ex-husband Richard Burton came on the market, Reynolds called Taylor for help in buying the expensive item. The pitch: it would be reunited with Taylor's Cleopatra memorabilia.

"I really need it because I have you," Reynolds recalled telling her in a phone call. "So she sent me the money for the costume."

Other pieces up for grabs include costumes worn by Yul Brynner in "The King and I," Greta Garbo in "Anna Karenina" and Marlon Brando in "Mutiny on the Bounty," along with props such as a guitar used by Julie Andrews in "The Sound of Music."

Reynolds' latest acquisition was the "My Fair Lady" gown, which she bought for \$100,000 at auction.

There are a number of Monroe costumes, which hold appeal for Reynolds because she knew the actress ("A sweet girl," Reynolds says) but also because they're beautifully designed and made.

Hollywood designers and seamstresses clearly knew their stuff, but why did Reynolds decide to become a keeper of the flame?

"It was inspired by shock," she said, when MGM decided in 1970 to auction off its vast number of costumes and props. "I was just emotional about it."

Cringing at the thought of fabled costumes turned into Halloween party duds, Reynolds recalls raising her hand over and over at the weeks-long auction and raiding her bank accounts. More pieces came from subsequent Fox and Paramount studio sales, as well as individuals.

The auction represents the end of a dream. Reynolds' combined casino-



In this June 10, 2011 photo, entertainer Debbie Reynolds poses between dresses worn by actress Marilyn Monroe in the films "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes," left, and "River of No Return," right, at the Paley Center for Media in Beverly Hills, Calif.

hotel and museum in Las Vegas closed and Reynolds planned to relocate the museum to Pigeon Forge, Tenn. Last year, Reynolds' son, Todd Fisher, said the project had to file for bankruptcy protection and the collection would be sold to satisfy creditors.

Reynolds, still the petite, pretty blonde who captured Kelly's heart in their 1952 musical, is regretful but not maudlin. She jokes about how her daughter, writer-actress Carrie Fisher (Princess Leia in the "Star Wars" films) views her passion.

"She looks on it in amazement and awe and thinks we're completely out of our minds," said Reynolds, referring to herself and her co-conspirator son. Todd Fisher handled technology for the defunct museum and set up the auction display, including movie clips showing featured costumes.

Reynolds, who takes her act on the road 42 weeks a year to theaters, nightclubs, Indian reservations, "anywhere they hire me," said the auction will give her breathing room.

She loves entertaining but also has been driven by the costly demands of her cherished collection.

"I won't have so many children to take care of," she said, "so I won't have quite so much responsibility and I can rest a little more."



# Lawyer: My client did not hire to shoot Tupac

**NEW YORK (AP)**—A hip-hop mogul wanted by federal authorities on drug charges did not orchestrate a plot to ambush rapper Tupac Shakur outside a recording studio in the mid-1990s, his lawyer said Thursday.

The accusations against James Rosemond, owner of Czar Entertainment, were levied online and attributed to convicted killer Dexter Isaac, who is serving a life sentence in an unrelated murder-for-hire plot. Isaac says, according to the website AllHipHop.com, that he was paid \$2,500 by Rosemond to shoot and rob Shakur.

Shakur was hit five times in the shooting at the Quad Studios in Manhattan in 1994. He survived but was later gunned down in Las Vegas in a slaying that remains unsolved.

The mystery surrounding Shakur's death has fueled interest in the smallest of details about his life, as well as the old-school feud between East Coast and West Coast rap that some say contributed to his killing.

Isaac stole jewelry off Shakur and handed over a diamond ring to Rosemond after the late-night ambush, the post published Wednesday reads.

"I still have the chain that we took that night," he wrote, according to the post.

New York City police were investigating the claims, though it's not clear if anyone would face charges, in part because the incident occurred about 17 years ago. Rosemond is wanted by federal authorities in New York on drug charges and as of Thursday remained a fugitive.

Erin Mulvey, a spokeswoman for the Drug Enforcement Administration, refused to comment on Isaac and would not give any details on Rosemond.

His lawyer, Jeffrey Lichtman, could not comment about the federal case against his client. But he said the accusations posted online were lies fabricated because Isaac is upset he was outed as a government informant.

"This is a guy who is a blood-thirsty killer, trying to work off a life sentence, and for some reason his accusations are taken as fact?" Lichtman asked.

The post is rife with bitterness directed at Rosemond.

"Now I would like to clear up a few things, because the statute of limitations is over, and no one can be charged, and I'm just plain tired of listening to your

lies," according to the post.

Isaac was convicted in the 1997 murder-for-hire shooting death of cab driver Waleed Hammouda. The victim's wife, Micheline, offered Isaac property in exchange for killing her husband. She was also convicted.

He is serving life in prison and was transferred earlier this year to the Metropolitan Detention Center in Brooklyn from a prison in Colorado.

An employee at the Brooklyn detention center said inmates were not allowed to receive calls and were allowed only approved in-person visits. In order to be approved, a person must first write to the inmate and receive a visitor form.

It wasn't clear whether Isaac still had a lawyer, and a call to the website wasn't returned.

## Cleveland warms to stars of 'Hot in Cleveland'

**CLEVELAND (AP)**—The stars of "Hot in Cleveland" have received their own keys to the city where their sitcom is set.

More than 3,000 fans greeted Betty White, Valerie Bertinelli, Wendie Malick and

Jane Leeves as Mayor Frank Jackson presented the keys and declared Thursday "Hot in Cleveland Day."

The Plain Dealer reports that the crowd cheered throughout the 20-minute program, with frequent chants of Betty

White's name.

On Wednesday night, the cast members were greeted by fans and a red carpet when they attended a viewing party for the new season's premiere episode at the Rock and Roll Hall of

Fame and Museum.

Bertinelli throws out the ceremonial first pitch at Friday night's Indians game against Pittsburgh.

"Hot in Cleveland's new season is running this summer on the TV Land network.

## Playboy adds 'Runaway Bride' sticker to July issue

**CHICAGO (AP)**—Playboy is making a last-minute addition to the cover of its July issue after founder Hugh Hefner's fiancée called off their wedding. Chicago-based Playboy says it is affixing red and yellow stickers over the cover image of 24-year-old Crystal Harris. The stickers say, "Runaway Bride in this issue!" The 85-year-old Hefner announced Tuesday that the pair will not wed.

The issue is due on newsstands Friday.

Harris appears on the July cover wearing a sailor hat with the headline "America's Princess introducing Mrs. Crystal Hefner." The pair were to be married Saturday at the Playboy Mansion in Los Angeles.

Hefner tweeted Wednesday that "recent events call for a special sticker on the July cover."

A Playboy spokeswoman says the magazine is adding stickers to as many issues as possible.



This undated photo provided Thursday, June 16, 2011, by Chicago-based Playboy Enterprises Inc., shows the July 2011 issue of Playboy with a red-and-yellow sticker affixed over the cover image of 24-year-old Crystal Harris.

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## Heavy downloads for 'Go the (Bleep)' audiobook

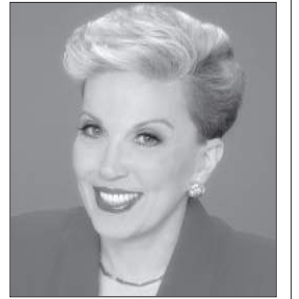
**NEW YORK (AP)**—The world just can't get enough of Samuel L. Jackson and four-letter words.

A free version of the actor's cussing audio of the best-selling "Go the (Bleep) to Sleep" has been downloaded 160,000 times since becoming available two days ago, audio publisher Audible Inc. announced Thursday.

It's a huge number for audiobooks, but not a record. The final Harry Potter book, "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows," sold more than 200,000 audio copies during its first 48 hours. The hardcover of "Go the (Bleep) to Sleep," Adam Mansbach's adults-only bedtime lament, officially went on sale this week. It was No. 1 on Amazon as of midday Thursday.

## Star in his girlfriend's eyes triggers boyfriend's jealousy

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN  
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE



*Dear Abby*

**DEAR ABBY:** I have been in a relationship with a great guy, "Jonah," for four months. We get along well and enjoy a lot of the same things. At times he can be jealous when other men notice me, but we have never had arguments about it. Only one thing about me really bothers him—it's my infatuation with actor Mark Wahlberg.

Jonah is so upset about it he refuses to see any of Mark's films with me and gets annoyed when I mention him. It irks me because I know being with Mark isn't a realistic option, but Jonah acts like it is. What can I say to make him see that he (Jonah) is the only one I want to be with and Mark is just a fantasy?

STAR-CROSSED LOVER

**DEAR STAR-CROSSED:** You may have said too much already. Stop bringing up Mark Wahlberg and see his films in the company of your girlfriends. While Jonah may be a "great guy," he appears to be somewhat insecure, which is why he becomes jealous when another man notices you. And insecure men can become irrational and controlling, so monitor his behavior and do not make any commitments until you both have matured.

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**DEAR ABBY:** I am being married at the end of the summer. It will be a formal wedding. I have a biological father I see once or twice a year, and a stepfather who has been a big part of my life.

I would prefer my stepfather to walk me down the aisle, but I feel guilty about what my biological father and other relatives might think. Should I worry about their opinions or just do what makes me comfortable?

TOUCHY DECISION IN OHIO

**DEAR TOUCHY DECISION:** You shouldn't worry about their "opinions" as much as their feelings. Talk with both of your fathers about this. And if there would be hurt feelings, consider having your biological father walk you halfway down the aisle and your stepfather take you the rest of the way to the altar if you feel closer to him.

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**DEAR ABBY:** Our daughter "Melanie" is finishing her master's degree in social work. She's excited about pursuing her future career; however, when we tell our friends about her, we get disappointing—and sometimes, hurtful—responses. Some samples: "Whose idea was that?!" "You know she's going to starve, don't you?" "Oh ... they don't make much money," and, "I'm sorry!" These comments come from people with whom we've had warm relationships for years.

We know our daughter won't be rich. That's not her objective. We're proud of Melanie's choice and how hard she has prepared. We think she'll be a wonderful social worker. We have always been supportive of our friends' children and their choices. Is there a way to respond to these people without being rude?

PROUD PARENTS IN DES MOINES

**DEAR PROUD PARENTS:** You SHOULD be proud. You have raised a daughter who will make an important contribution to the lives of those she touches. When someone makes a thoughtless comment such as the ones you mentioned, tell them what you wrote to me: "We're proud of our daughter's choice and how hard she has worked to prepare. We know she'll be a wonderful social worker." Period.

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## SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

### Matthew Broderick to return to Broadway

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Matthew Broderick is returning to Broadway in a musical next spring built around George and Ira Gershwin's songs. Producers said Thursday that Broderick will star in the new screwball romantic comedy "Nice Work If You Can Get It." Kathleen Marshall, who just won her third Tony Award for directing "Anything Goes," will choreograph and direct the new show. Broderick has been on Broadway many times, most notably in "The Producers," "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying" and "Brighton Beach Memoirs." It would be his first time back since teaming up with Nathan Lane in "The Producers." The new musical will have a story by Joe DiPietro, who won Tonys for the book and score of "Memphis." The rest of the cast and a theater will be announced later.

### Hats, umbrellas out in droves at Royal Ascot

**LONDON (AP)**—Showers have not dampened the spirits of hat-wearing horse-racing enthusiasts, who turned out in droves for Ladies' Day at Royal Ascot on Thursday. Ornate hats were out in full force at the event as much about fashion as about the racing. One group of friends wore hats in the shape of different birds as a nod to the 18th century; butterflies and roses adorned the crowns of other racegoers present at the course. The main fashion-must have for the rain drenched morning was an umbrella—though the sun poked through Thursday afternoon. Queen Elizabeth II, clad in pink, was present for a third day in a row at the races, which are marking their 300th year. Princesses Anne and Beatrice were among the other royals present, while Carole Middleton—mother of Kate—joined in the royal carriage procession.

### NBC's Norah O'Donnell to cover White House for CBS

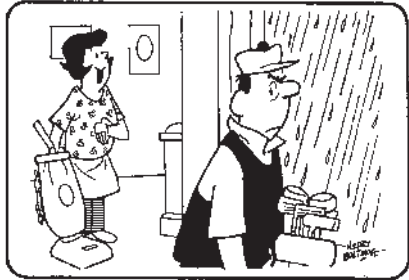
**NEW YORK (AP)**—CBS News says Norah O'Donnell has been named its chief White House correspondent. The network said Thursday that O'Donnell also becomes the principal substitute anchor for "Face the Nation," and will report for all CBS News broadcasts, including occasionally "60 Minutes." She has been the chief Washington correspondent for MSNBC and a contributing correspondent for NBC's "Today" and "Weekend Today." She also appears regularly on "The Chris Matthews Show." O'Donnell joined NBC News in 1999. Before that, she was a staff reporter for the Capitol Hill newspaper, Roll Call, and worked as a contributor and analyst for MSNBC. Chip Reid, the current CBS chief White House correspondent, will become a national correspondent based in Washington.







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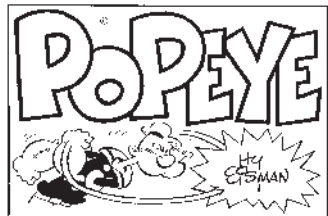
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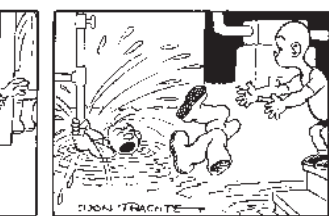
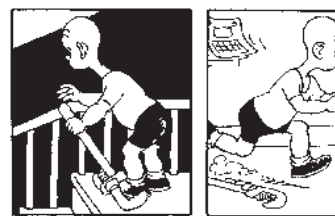
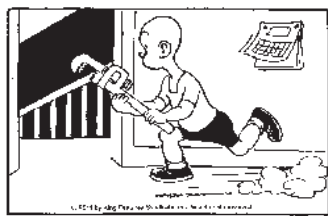
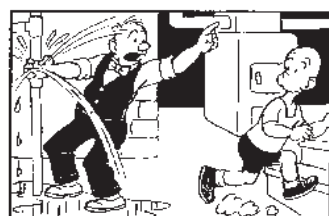
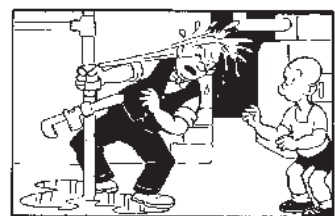
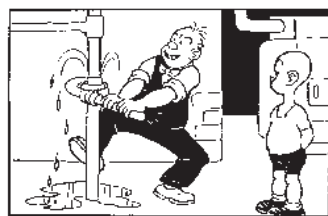
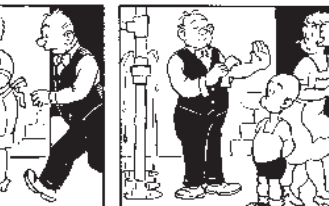
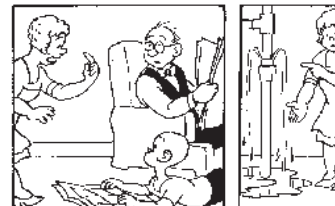
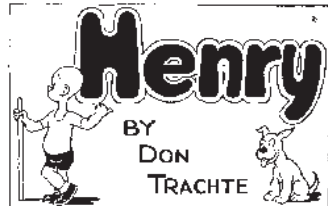
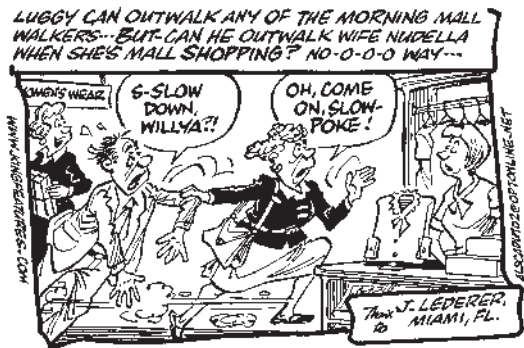
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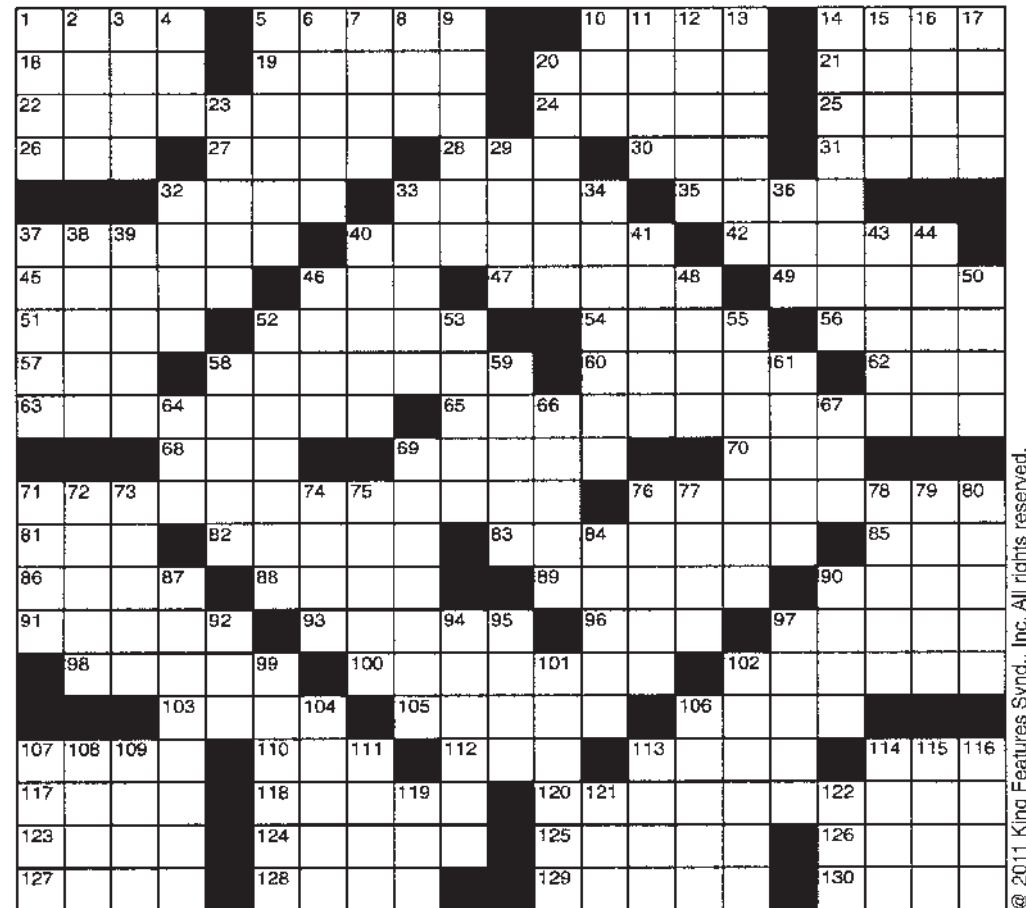
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  - 18 It's nothing
  - 19 "From the Terrace"
  - 20 Fusillade
  - 21 Not quite closed
  - 22 KINGLY BREW
  - 24 Start
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  - 63 HURT FRIENDS
  - 65 "GIDDYUP!" OR "HOOCHIE MAMA!"
  - 68 Fumble
  - 69 Net type
  - 70 "Jurassic Park" stuff
  - 71 RODMAN FELL FROM GRACE
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  - 85 Relative of un-
  - 86 Sporting saddies
  - 88 Autumn implement
  - 89 Distribute the donuts
  - 90 Word with camp or tree
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  - 93 Intrinsically
  - 95 Mauna —
  - 97 "Greetings!"
  - 98 Find out
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  - 105 Fear
  - 106 "You — Hurry Love" ('66 hit)
  - 107 Society
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  - 117 "Damn Yankees" siren
  - 118 Electronic device
  - 120 SWEATERS ARE OFFENSIVE
  - 123 "Kismet" character
  - 124 — fell swoop
  - 125 Government game
  - 126 Where to find a zebu
  - 127 Man the bar
  - 128 Dweeb
  - 129 Producer Coen
  - 130 Chatterley or Windermere
  - 2 Dickens villain
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  - 4 '50 film noir classic
  - 5 It's on the bee's knees
  - 6 "It's a —" ('70 song)
  - 7 Witches
  - 8 Live and breathe
  - 9 Pop Art pioneer
  - 10 Outlaw
  - 11 Lohengrin's love
  - 12 Happening
  - 13 KETTLE COVER
  - 14 PRODUCED CHEESE
  - 15 Trojan War hero
  - 16 Turner or Wood
  - 17 Soho streetcar
  - 20 Beethoven creation
  - 23 Sweatshirt size
  - 29 Parisian pronoun
  - 32 '78 Stallone flick
  - 33 More theoretical
  - 34 Doctorow novel
  - 36 Fresh
  - 37 Shopping sites
  - 38 Historian Durant
  - 39 Hunt or Hamilton
  - 40 Acts catty?
  - 41 Blender part
  - 43 Fragrance
  - 44 Actor Burton
  - 46 And more of the same
  - 48 Part of ER
  - 50 Go after
  - 52 Less plentiful
  - 53 Roused
  - 55 Food fish
  - 58 Bit of parsley
  - 59 More ironic
  - 61 — a hand (aids)
  - 64 Grunter's grounds
  - 66 Llama turf
  - 67 Deranged
  - 69 Looked like Hook?
  - 71 Word with side or satellite
  - 72 Lucy's landlady
  - 73 Peter of Herman's Hermits
  - 74 Cinch
  - 75 Vexed
  - 76 Hitter Hank
  - 77 — Las Vegas
  - 78 Baal and
  - 79 Stringed instrument
  - 80 Philanthropist Brooke
  - 84 Very cold
  - 87 BORING POET
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  - 97 "Big" star
  - 99 SWIPE BROOCH
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  - 104 Macbeth, for one
  - 106 Terra —
  - 107 Thicken
  - 108 Capital of Togo
  - 109 — Bator
  - 111 Borodin's "Prince —"
  - 113 Using
  - 114 Hartman or Kudrow
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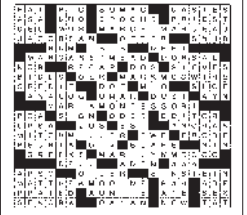


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2. LANGUAGE: If someone suggested you were headed for Gehenna, where would you be going?
3. HISTORY: In ancient days, who was eligible to wear a Roman toga?
4. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which U.S. president adopted the Good Neighbor policy toward Latin America?
5. POETRY: Who wrote the line, "Tiger! Tiger! burning bright"?
6. BIBLE: To what does the Septuagint refer?
7. SCIENCE: What are opponents of technological change sometimes called?
8. CHILDREN'S LITERATURE: What is the name of the faithful dog in the story of Peter Pan?
9. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of owls called collectively?
10. U.S. CITIES: In what city is the famous blues district called Beale Street located?

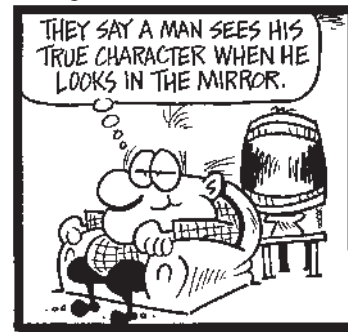
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1. Twelve
2. To hell
3. A citizen
4. Franklin D. Roosevelt
5. William Blake
6. First seven books of the Old Testament
7. Luddites
8. Nana
9. A parliament of owls
10. Memphis, Tenn.

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The Spats



by Jeff Pickering



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# About 220,000 Mavs fans celebrate title, Nowitzki



**DALLAS (AP)**—The face of the Dallas Mavericks laughed, sang and even seemed to tear up.

For Dirk Nowitzki, the only thing that could come close to being an NBA champion for the first time was celebrating it with the fans in his adopted hometown of Dallas.

An estimated crowd of 200,000 crammed downtown Thursday morning for a parade in the team's honor, with another 20,000 or so filling the arena for a rally filled with emotional moments.

After waiting 31 years for the franchise to be atop the NBA, fans honored the feat in a way that many said was worth the wait. Dallas wrapped up the title in Miami on Sunday night so, other than their airport arrival, this was the first chance for fans to show their appreciation in person.

They were peaceful, too, unlike the scene in Vancouver following the end of the Stanley Cup finals on Wednesday night, and the commotion during a Cowboys championship parade in 1993.

Dallas police said the biggest problem was a fight that resulted in three arrests. There also were 145 minor medical treatments, mostly because of heat that approached 90 degrees. Nine people were taken to hospitals for heat exhaustion.

Nowitzki was the unquestioned star of the show, drawing the loudest cheers from start to finish—usually chants of “M! V! P!” There were German flags in the crowd, a sign calling him “Der Kaiser” and cut-out letters that spelled “Thank you Dirk.”

After the parade and before the rally, Nowitzki and his teammates went to the balcony of the arena and spoke briefly to the crowd. Nowitzki capped it by leading a rousing rendition of their new favorite song, “We Are The Champions.”

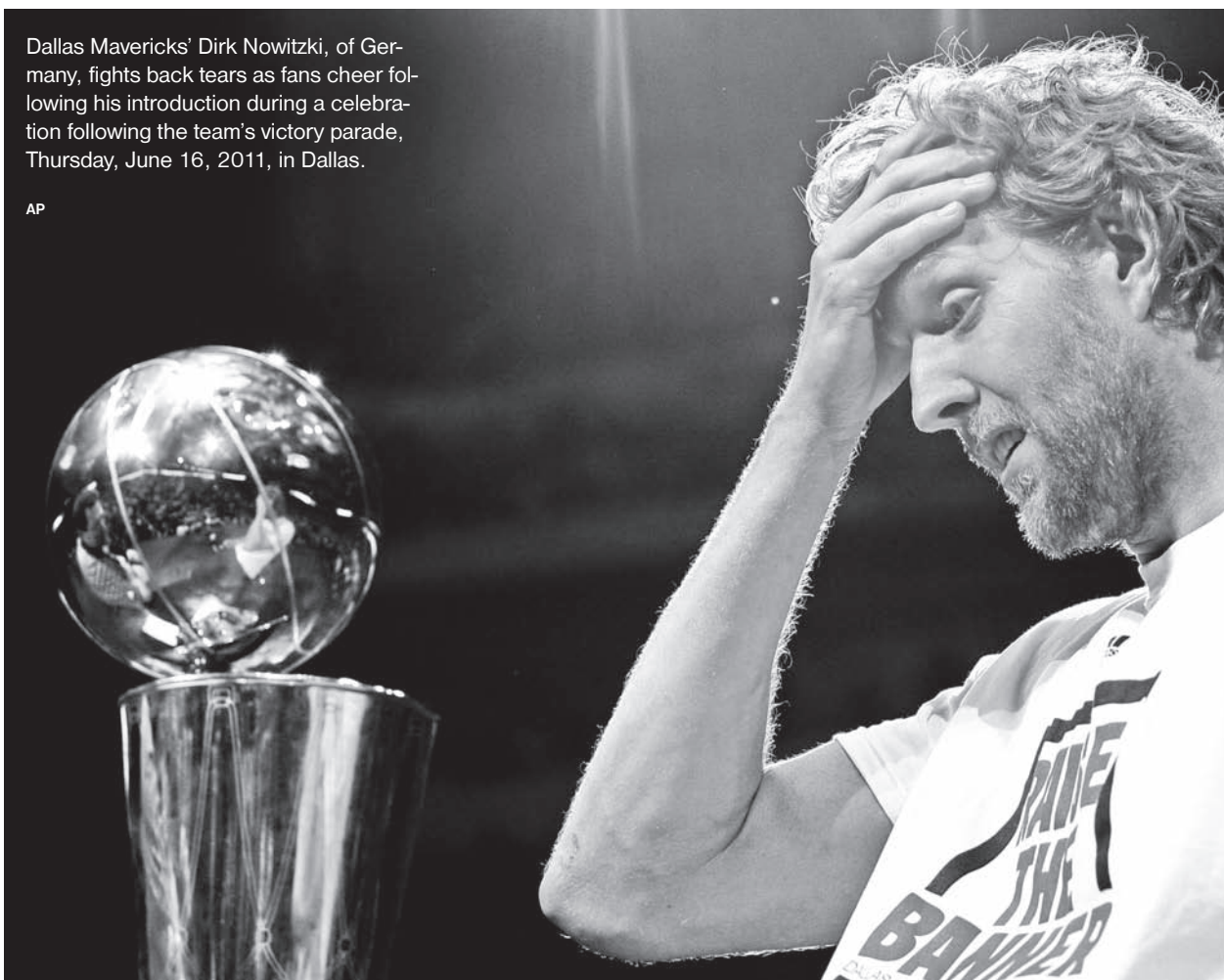
More singing came during the rally, when team owner Mark Cuban serenaded Nowitzki with “Happy Birthday”; he turns 33 on Sunday. Nowitzki got into it, too, pretending to conduct.

But this day had two other emotional crescendos for Nowitzki.

The first came when coach Rick Carlisle said, “You’re looking at the best basketball team on the planet. It’s

Dallas Mavericks’ Dirk Nowitzki, of Germany, fights back tears as fans cheer following his introduction during a celebration following the team’s victory parade, Thursday, June 16, 2011, in Dallas.

AP



also very clear we have in our presence the greatest basketball player on the planet.” The overhead jumbo board showed a close-up shot of Nowitzki wiping his eyes.

When it was Nowitzki’s turn to speak, his teammates and Cuban were among those standing and chanting “MVP.” Nowitzki bit his bottom lip and looked down. He was too overcome with emotion to answer the first question from co-emcee Chuck Cooperstein.

“It’s been an amazing ride, an amazing journey,” Nowitzki said. “It’s been a lot of ups and a lot of downs. This is the top of the iceberg. It feels absolutely amazing.”

He relived his journey from a 19-year-old draftee with a bowl cut and a bad earring—“just a bad look,” he said with a smile—to the greatest player in team history, a former league MVP and the newly minted finals MVP.

“I didn’t really know what to expect,” he said of his early days in Dallas. “It’s been an amazing ride and you

guys have been with me every step of the way. This is for our fans!”

Another highly charged moment came when it was Cuban’s turn to speak.

He couldn’t.

The rambunctious billionaire determined to do things his way seemed awed by the moment, surely thinking about his own journey from a fan who used to buy scalped tickets to buying the club in January 2000.

When Cooperstein joked about this being “a long way from Reunion Arena,” Cuban just shook his head, lips pinched.

In came Carlisle to the rescue.

He grabbed the microphone and discussed something he said to the players a few days before, about the difference between success and fulfillment.

“Mark has had obvious success,” Carlisle said. “The thing you have to understand is, to him, it doesn’t matter the cost, it’s to be able to bring this moment to you. So, thanks.”

They hugged as fans stood and

cheered. There were chants of “Thank you Mark,” and Cuban wiped his eyes several times. Once he felt composed, the guy who loves being the center of attention motioned for quiet.

He had a story to tell.

“The day I bought the team, but it had not yet been announced, I went out with some friends to have an adult beverage,” Cuban said. “I go into this bar and I see this tall, German, goofy-looking guy—with his bowl cut, earring—and I know I’m going to be his boss the very next day. He has no idea.

“So I walk up to him and say, ‘Yo. Let me buy you a beer.’ He just looks at me, shakes his head and walks away.”

“The next day, we’re at (the practice facility). I’m supposed to get introduced to the team. I walk in the door and I walk up and I just look at him and he just shakes his head. That’s pretty much been our relationship for 13 years.”

The video board cut to Nowitzki several times during the anecdote and he couldn’t stop smiling and laughing.

There were all sorts of funny moments during the rally.

Brian Cardinal, a backup nicknamed “The Custodian,” came on the stage with a broom and dustpan. With a stogie in his mouth, he tidied up a bit, then waved his arms to loud applause. He cupped a hand to his ears, asking for them to be louder, then went back into the tunnel.

Jason Kidd was the first player to speak and he talked about it being “a dream came true when I was drafted by the Mavericks in 1994.”

“I just didn’t know it was going to take 17 years to win a championship,” he said. “We’ve got one championship, now we need to go and get another championship.”

Tyson Chandler upped expectations. “I hear they do things big in Dallas,” he said. “So if we do it big, it can’t be just one.” He held up a hand and started flipping up fingers and counting, “One, two, three, four, five.”

Jason Terry wore dark glasses and a Mardi Gras-style blue necklace. He did his traditional flying airplane motion to wild cheers, then flexed his right biceps to show off the tattoo of the trophy he added in October and vowed to scrub if they didn’t win it all.

Terry and Nowitzki are the only holdovers from the Mavericks’ only other finals team—in 2006, when they blew a 2-0 lead against Miami. So this title is especially sweet for them.

“Not only the way we did it, who we did it against,” Terry said before the rally. “We’ll never forget it. We’ll never forget ‘05-06 and we sure as heck won’t forget 2011.”

Fans filled the downtown streets starting early Thursday. The plaza around the arena was filled to its 3,000-person capacity about two hours before the parade even began.

Franchise founder Donald Carter and his wife, Linda, for whom he started the club as gift, were in the lead vehicle, a white convertible.

“Fantastic,” Carter said.

At the end of the parade, those who rode along said they were overwhelmed by the turnout—people as far as they could see.

“I’m numb,” said Donnie Nelson, the team’s president of basketball operations.

## McIlroy shows off his major form on a Thursday



**BETHESDA, Md.**

**(AP)**—Rory McIlroy is becoming a master at these major championships. At least on Thursday. Showing no linger effects from a Sunday collapse at the Masters, the 22-year-old McIlroy made the toughest test in golf look like child’s play at Congressional with a 6-under 65 to build the biggest 18-hole lead at the U.S. Open in 35 years.

He missed only one green. He was the only player in the 156-man field without a single bogey. And just like that, McIlroy wound up atop the leaderboard after the opening round for the third time in the last four majors.

“It felt like quite a simple 65,” McIlroy said. “I didn’t do much wrong.”

The trouble has been finishing them off.

There were questions about how

McIlroy would respond after the calamity of his most recent round in a major, when he squandered a four-shot lead at Augusta National with an 80 in the final round. He has been saying ever since that he got over that meltdown a week after the Masters. By the way he bounced back at the U.S. Open, maybe it’s time for everyone to believe him.

“I don’t know if it says that I’ve got a short memory,” McIlroy said. “I took the experience from Augusta, and I learned a lot from it. But, yeah, I mean you’re going into the U.S. Open. You can’t be thinking about what’s happened before. You’ve got to just be thinking about this week, and how you can best prepare, and how you can get yourself around the golf course.”

He took a route unlike any other player on an overcast day with a few light showers just as he finished up his round.

McIlroy was three shots clear of

former PGA champion Y.E. Yang and Charl Schwartzel, the South African who captured the Masters two months ago at McIlroy’s expense.

“It’s a long way to go, but it’s nice to get yourself in contention,” Schwartzel said. “If you start falling too far behind on a tough golf course, things can get a little bit too far in front of you. You need to stay in there with a chance.”

British Open champion Louis Oosthuizen was at 69, joining a small group that included Sergio Garcia and Ryan Palmer, the lone American among the nine players who broke 70.

Defending champion Graeme McDowell had a 70.

Phil Mickelson played alongside McIlroy, and it must have looked familiar. The last time the U.S. Open came to Congressional in 1997, Mickelson played with Colin Montgomerie, who also shot 65.

“The game’s easy when you hit it straight and make every putt,” Mickelson said, referring to McIlroy. “It’s a wonderful game. No course is too tough when you hit like that. He played terrific. It was fun to watch—although I didn’t see much of it.”

McIlroy was walking down the center of most fairways, picking out the 100-yard and 150-yard yardage plates as his targets and hitting most of them. Mickelson was all over the map, hitting only five fairways. He hacked out of grass up his knees on one hole, and on another hit driver from under the trees to get back into play.

He wound up with a 74, a stunning score from where he was playing.

Mickelson wasn’t alone in his disappointment.

The top three players in the world—Luke Donald, Lee Westwood and Martin Kaymer—combined to go 10-over

par. Donald struggled with his accuracy and couldn’t cope with the thick rough and shot 74 despite his birdie-birdie start. Kaymer also had a 74, while Westwood staggered to a 75, his worst opening round at the U.S. Open in 10 years.

“It’s not a very good score because I think the course is there for the taking,” said Westwood, who played in the morning. “Obviously, it’s a tough test, but I thought the golf course was set up great today. If you played well ... I’m quite surprised that no one has gone out and shot 66, to be honest.”

Right about that time, McIlroy was on his way to the first tee, and he wound up doing one better.

It was exquisite golf, starting with a 3-wood he drilled into the corner of the dogleg on No. 12 that set up sand wedge to 6 feet for his first birdie. McIlroy really hit his stride around the turn—an 8-iron to 10 feet on No. 17, another beautiful drive and 8-iron into the 15 feet left of the pin on the 18th, and a lob wedge to 6 feet on No. 1.



# Lee throws 2-hitter as Phillies top Marlins



**PHILADELPHIA** (AP)—Cliff

Lee tossed a two-hitter and had two hits and an RBI, helping the Philadelphia Phillies beat the Florida Marlins 3-0 to complete a four-game sweep and win their seventh in a row in the National League on Thursday.

Lee (7-5) didn't allow a hit until Mike Stanton grounded a single to center with two outs in the fifth. He struck out four to record his seventh career shut-out and second this season.

Ryan Howard homered for the NL East-leading Phillies, who improved their major league-best record to 44-26.

The struggling Marlins have lost 15 of 16. Florida's Javier Vazquez (3-7) allowed two runs and eight hits in five innings.

## Diamondbacks 3, Giants 2, 10 innings

At Phoenix, Justin Upton homered on the first pitch he saw in the 10th inning as Arizona avoided a sweep at the hands of San Francisco.

Upton's opposite-field home run off Santiago Casilla (0-1) was his first career "walk-off" homer and the first home run given up by Casilla this season.

Ian Kennedy gave up only an unearned run on four hits and struck out 10 with one walk over eight innings to stake the Diamondbacks to a 2-1 lead. But Pat Burrell's RBI sacrifice fly in the ninth tied it as J.J. Putz, struggling lately after an outstanding start to the season, blew his third save in 21 opportunities.

Chris Young homered for Arizona for the second night in a row.

## Cubs 12, Brewers 7

At Chicago, Kosuke Fukudome had three hits and broke it open with a three-run homer, and Alfonso Soriano and Carlos Pena also went deep for Chicago.

Fukudome singled and scored in the first, hit an RBI triple and scored in the second, and delivered the big blow in the sixth when he connected off reliever Daniel Herrera.

Pena put Chicago ahead 6-5 with a leadoff homer against Zack Greinke in the third. Soriano added a two-run shot in the seventh and Starlin Castro had

three hits for the Cubs.

Greinke (6-2) allowed a season-high eight runs and eight hits in 5 1-3 innings and took his first loss since his debut against Atlanta on May 4—despite striking out 10.

## Pirates 5, Astros 4

At Houston, Garrett Jones hit a three-run homer in the first inning and Pittsburgh added two runs in the sixth to regain the lead and hold on for its fourth straight win.

The win also gives the Pirates their first three-game sweep of the season.

Pittsburgh starter James McDonald (5-4) allowed seven hits and three runs in 5 2-3 innings. Tony Watson walked one in two scoreless innings before Tim Wood got one out.

Houston rookie Jordan Lyles (0-2) remains winless in four starts after yielding four hits and three earned runs with a career-high eight strikeouts in 5 2-3 innings.

## Nationals 7, Cardinals 4, 10 innings

At Washington, Danny Espinosa's three-run homer in the bottom of the 10th inning gave Washington its sixth straight win.

Ryan Zimmerman led off the 10th with a single off Fernando Salas (3-1). With one out, Salas hit Michael Morse with a pitch and Espinosa followed with his 12th home run of the season, and the first allowed by Salas.

Sean Burnett (2-3), Washington's fourth pitcher, threw a scoreless 10th for the win.

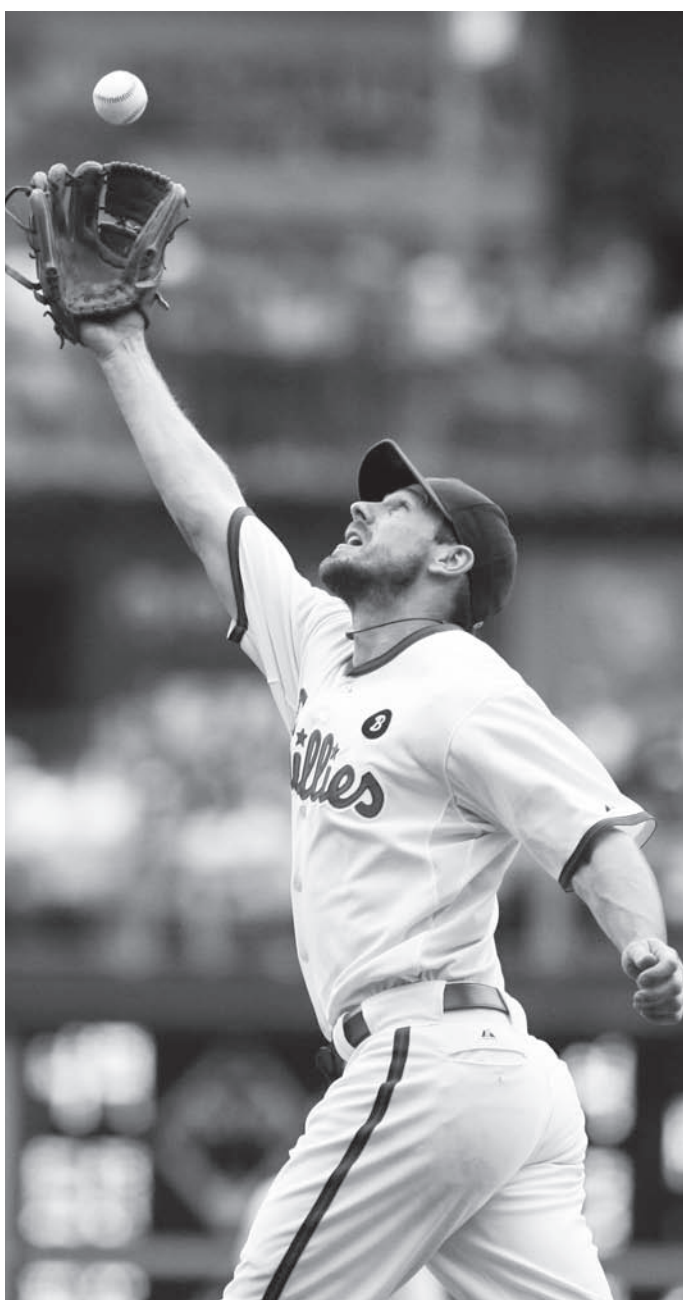
The Nationals, who have won six straight for the first time since they closed the 2009 season with seven in a row, tagged starter Kyle Lohse for three home runs.

Matt Holliday, Albert Pujols and Yadier Molina hit home runs for St. Louis, which have lost sixth straight game, its longest losing streak since Sept. 10-17, 2008—when it dropped seven straight.

## Braves 9, Mets 8, 10 innings

At Atlanta, D.J. Carrasco's balk in the 10th inning gave Atlanta the win over New York.

Diory Hernandez doubled with two outs in the 10th and



Philadelphia Phillies starting pitcher Cliff Lee fields a hit by Florida Marlins' John Buck for an out in the eighth inning of a baseball game Thursday, June 16, 2011, in Philadelphia.

took third after first baseman Lucas Duda mishandled Jordan Schafer's grounder.

With Jason Heyward at the plate, Carrasco (0-2) clearly stopped and then restarted his motion as he prepared to deliver a pitch. Plate umpire James Hoye called the balk as Heyward celebrated at the plate.

Chipper Jones had three hits, including a three-run homer, and matched his career high with five RBIs before leaving the game with a strained adductor muscle in his right leg.

Pinch-hitter Brooks Conrad hit a two-run shot in the ninth off Francisco Rodriguez, who hadn't blown a save since opening day.

## Twins 2, White Sox 0

At Minneapolis, Nick Blackburn pitched eight shutout innings for the Minnesota Twins, and Michael Cuddyer's home run was enough to beat Mark Buehrle and the Chicago White Sox 1-0 in the American League on Thursday.

Buehrle was beaten despite giving up just three hits over seven innings, and the White Sox fell to 0-4 this year against their Central division rival—scoring a total of three runs in the process.

Blackburn (6-4) matched his career high by winning his fifth straight decision, coming over his past nine starts. He scattered seven hits, continuing a re-

markable run this month by the Twins' rotation. Minnesota has won 11 of its last 13 games.

Buehrle (6-5) has pitched well over his last eight starts since the beginning of May, surrendering only 17 runs in 55 innings for a 2.78 ERA.

## Yankees 3, Rangers 2, 12 innings

At New York, journeyman Brian Gordon kept the Yankees close in a most unlikely start, then Brett Gardner hit a winning single in the 12th inning that lifted New York to a three-game sweep.

The Yankees became the first team to sweep AL champion Texas this year. New York won for the sixth time in seven tries and sent the Rangers to their season-worst fifth loss in a row.

Gordon signed with the Yankees this week and pitched effectively, allowing two runs on seven hits in 5 1-3 innings. Cory Wade (1-0), who also signed with the Yankees this week, pitched two perfect innings for the win.

Gardner's one-out hit in the 12th came off Michael Kirkman (1-1).

## Tigers 6, Indians 2

At Detroit, Jhonny Peralta and Ryan Raburn hit back-to-back, solo homers in the fourth inning. Detroit moved a game ahead of Cleveland for first place in the AL Central.

The Tigers won twice in the three-game series, giving them 13 wins in 18 games. The Indians, on the other hand, have dropped 16 of 22.

Max Scherzer (9-3) gave up two runs and four hits, and hit two batters over 5 2-3 innings for Detroit.

Mitch Talbot (2-4) allowed six runs on nine hits over four innings.

## Orioles 4, Blue Jays 3

At Toronto, Jeremy Guthrie pitched five shutout innings before a strained back forced him to leave the game, and Baltimore scored two runs in the ninth for the win.

Vladimir Guerrero and Luke Scott opened the ninth with back-to-back singles against Toronto closer Jon Rauch (2-3). Derek Lee followed with a swinging bunt that Blue Jays third base-

man Jayson Nix charged on, but Nix's throw home was high, allowing pinch-runner Nolan Reimold to score for a 3-2 Orioles lead. Ryan Adams later added an RBI single.

Adam Lind's solo home run off Kevin Gregg in the bottom of the ninth made it 4-3, but the former Toronto closer recovered to earn his 13th save as Baltimore avoided a sweep.

## Athletics 8, Royals 4

At Oakland, California, Jemile Weeks had two hits and drove in three runs, and Hideki Matsui homered to lead Oakland past Kansas City.

Matsui's solo shot gives him a combined 499 homers in Japan and the U.S. and helped Oakland win a second straight game for the first time since a four-game streak May 26-29.

Melky Cabrera had two hits and drove in a run for the Royals, who lost their second straight. Jeff Francoeur, Wilson Betemit and Brayan Pena each added an RBI.

Daric Barton drove in two runs, and Coco Crisp and Kurt Suzuki each had an RBI in support of Gio Gonzalez (6-5), who allowed two runs on five hits over six innings.

## Red Sox 4, Rays 2

At St. Petersburg, Florida, Adrian Gonzalez homered and David Ortiz, Darnell McDonald and Dustin Pedroia drove in runs to back Clay Buchholz as Boston downed Tampa Bay.

The win was the 11th in 12 games for the AL East leaders, who concluded a 10-day, nine-game trip with an 8-1 record—Boston's best mark on a trip of at least nine games since 1977.

Buchholz (6-3) allowed one run and two hits in five innings before leaving the game because of lower back tightness. Tampa Bay trimmed a 3-1 deficit to one run on Casey Kotchman's solo homer off Alfredo Aceves in the sixth.

Gonzalez's solo shot off Kyle Farnsworth restored a two-run lead in the ninth.

Boston reliever Daniel Bard retired all four batters he faced and closer Jonathan Papelbon worked through a ninth-inning jam to earn his 13th save in 14 opportunities.

# Packers reunite to receive Super Bowl rings



**GREEN BAY, Wis.** (AP)—Although the ring was even heavier than Charles

Woodson expected, it felt just right on his hand.

Woodson and his Green Bay Packers teammates received their Super Bowl rings in a private ceremony at Lambeau Field on Thursday night, and the veteran cornerback's smile beamed just as brightly as the

diamond-encrusted ring he was showing off to the cameras.

"I feel like it's my right to wear this ring," Woodson said. "I feel like I worked very hard playing this game. I feel like every time I go out on that field, I leave it all out there on the field. That's the way I've always played this game. I feel like I deserve to win a championship, I feel like it's my rightful place in history to be a Super Bowl champion."

Contact between players and teams generally is prohibited during the ongoing NFL lockout, but the Packers received special permission from the NFL to hold the ceremony.

The Super Bowl was more than four months ago, and the joy-sapping nature of the unresolved labor situation makes it seem even farther in the past. But at least for one night, the memories came rushing back and concerns about the lock-

out faded away.

"Everybody's been separated too long," Packers coach Mike McCarthy said. "It's great to see everybody on a personal level. Everybody's anxious to get going on the next journey."

The Packers beat the Pittsburgh Steelers 31-25 to win the Super Bowl on Feb. 6, then held a "Return to Titledown" celebration for fans at Lambeau Field the Tuesday after the game. But they haven't been

together as a team since then because of the labor situation, which has forced the cancellation of team-organized off-season conditioning programs and workouts.

While several other teams have held informal player-organized, OTA-style workouts, the Packers haven't done so yet.

"Now, we have this ring, we'll enjoy it tonight," Woodson said. "And hopefully things will get moving along with the NFL and the lockout, and we can start preparing."

McCarthy put on a cowboy

hat at one point in the evening—playfully ribbing Packers players who wore cowboy hats to a preseason luncheon last year, subtly but boldly announcing their intention to finish the season at the Super Bowl in North Texas.

"It was definitely everything we expected," McCarthy said of the ceremony. "The players, they were ecstatic about it, the way they were showing each other the ring, the platinum, the diamonds, the design, I think it's something everybody is excited about it."



**TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES**

**MLB STANDINGS**

AMERICAN LEAGUE East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	41	27	.603	—
New York	39	28	.582	1 1/2
Tampa Bay	36	33	.522	5 1/2
Toronto	34	35	.493	7 1/2
Baltimore	31	35	.470	9

Central Division				
Detroit	38	31	.551	—
Cleveland	36	31	.537	1
Chicago	33	37	.471	5 1/2
Kansas City	30	39	.435	8
Minnesota	28	39	.418	9

West Division				
Texas	36	34	.514	—
Seattle	35	34	.507	1/2
Los Angeles	33	37	.471	3
Oakland	30	40	.429	6

NATIONAL LEAGUE East Division				
Philadelphia	44	26	.629	—
Atlanta	39	31	.557	5
New York	34	35	.493	9 1/2
Washington	33	36	.478	10 1/2
Florida	32	37	.464	11 1/2

Central Division				
Milwaukee	39	31	.557	—
St. Louis	38	32	.543	1
Cincinnati	37	33	.529	2
Pittsburgh	35	33	.515	3
Chicago	28	40	.412	10
Houston	25	45	.357	14

West Division				
San Francisco	39	30	.565	—
Arizona	38	32	.543	1 1/2
Colorado	33	35	.485	5 1/2
Los Angeles	31	39	.443	8 1/2
San Diego	30	40	.429	9 1/2

**Yesterday's Games**  
Philadelphia 3, Florida 0  
Pittsburgh 5, Houston 4  
Chicago Cubs 12, Milwaukee 7  
Washington 7, St. Louis 4, 10 innings  
Atlanta 9, N.Y. Mets 8, 10 innings  
Arizona 3, San Francisco 2, 10 innings  
Baltimore 4, Toronto 3  
Detroit 6, Cleveland 2  
N.Y. Yankees 3, Texas 2, 12 innings  
Minnesota 1, Chicago White Sox 0  
Oakland 8, Kansas City 4  
Boston 4, Tampa Bay 2

**U.S. OPEN SCORES**

**BETHESDA, Maryland (AP)**—Scores Thursday from the U.S. Open played on the par-71 (35-35), 7,574-yard Congressional Country Club, Blue Course

**FIRST ROUND**  
(a-amateur)

Rory McIlroy	33-32=65
Y.E. Yang	33-35=68
Charl Schwartzel	32-36=68
Louis Oosthuizen	35-34=69
Ryan Palmer	34-35=69
Alexandre Rocha	34-35=69
Kyung-Tae Kim	35-34=69
Scott Hend	32-37=69
Sergio Garcia	34-35=69
Chez Reavie	36-34=70
Stewart Cink	34-36=70
Graeme McDowell	35-35=70
Henrik Stenson	38-32=70
Johan Edfors	34-36=70
Davis Love III	35-35=70
Bubba Dickerson	37-33=70
John Senden	35-35=70
Robert Garrigus	36-34=70
Alvaro Quiros	35-35=70
Brandt Snedeker	34-36=70
Robert Rock	36-34=70
Heath Slocum	34-37=71
Padraig Harrington	35-36=71
Angel Cabrera	36-35=71
Jason Day	36-35=71
Bubba Watson	35-36=71
Brandt Jobe	36-35=71
Bud Cauley	36-35=71
Zach Johnson	36-35=71
Aaron Baddeley	35-36=71
Charley Hoffman	36-35=71
Christopher Deforest	34-37=71
David May	37-34=71
Shane Lowry	37-35=72
Harrison Frazer	36-36=72
Matt Kuchar	36-36=72
a-Peter Uihlein	36-36=72
J.J. Henry	36-36=72
Jeff Overton	34-38=72
a-Brad Benjamin	35-37=72
Christo Greyling	35-37=72
Peter Hanson	36-36=72
Seung Yul Noh	36-36=72

Rory Sabbatini	40-32=72
Marc Leishman	36-37=73
Kevin Streelman	35-38=73
Brian Gay	37-36=73
a-Russell Henley	37-36=73
Paul Casey	38-35=73
Ernie Els	35-38=73
Bill Haas	36-37=73
Gary Woodland	40-33=73
Scott Piercy	34-39=73
Martin Laird	36-37=73
Stephen Gallacher	38-35=73
Retief Goosen	35-38=73
Todd Hamilton	38-35=73
Ryan Moore	37-36=73
Robert Allenby	36-37=73
Dohoon Kim	37-36=73
Kenichi Kuboya	35-38=73
Justin Hicks	38-36=74
Sunghoon Kang	33-41=74
Ryo Ishikawa	37-37=74
Anthony Kim	38-36=74
Fredrik Jacobson	35-39=74
Luke Donald	35-39=74
Martin Kaymer	38-36=74
Jim Furyk	37-37=74
Justin Rose	36-38=74
Adam Scott	38-36=74
Sam Saunders	38-36=74
D.A. Points	37-37=74
John Ellis	38-36=74
a-Cheng-Tsung Pan	37-37=74
Michael Putnam	39-35=74
David Toms	37-37=74
Matteo Manassero	37-37=74
Edoardo Molinari	37-37=74
Phil Mickelson	35-39=74
Rickie Fowler	36-38=74
Hunter Mahan	37-37=74
Chris Wilson	37-38=75
Alex Cejka	38-37=75
Thomas Levett	38-37=75
Fred Funk	39-36=75
Michael Campbell	39-36=75
Lee Westwood	39-36=75
Jonathan Byrd	36-39=75
Webb Simpson	39-36=75
Tim Petrovic	37-38=75
Matthew Edwards	38-37=75
Adam Hadwin	37-38=75
Michael Tobiason Jr.	39-36=75
Scott Barr	36-39=75
a-Patrick Cantlay	38-37=75
Jason Dufner	35-40=75
Steve Stricker	36-39=75
Francesco Molinari	36-39=75
Dustin Johnson	38-37=75
Trevor Immelman	36-39=75
Ian Poulter	37-38=75
Nick Watney	36-39=75
Geoff Ogilvy	37-38=75
Briny Baird	35-40=75
Alexander Noren	37-38=75
Sangmoon Bae	37-38=75
Ryan Nelson	36-39=75
Brian Locke	38-38=76
Wes Heffernan	36-40=76
Chad Campbell	39-37=76
Marc Turnesa	39-37=76
Greg Chalmers	38-38=76
Kirk Triplett	37-39=76
Nicolas Colsaerts	37-39=76
Joey Lamielle	37-39=76
Adam Long	37-39=76
Jesse Hutchins	39-37=76
Michael Smith	38-38=76
Bo Van Pelt	39-37=76
Lucas Glover	38-38=76
Kevin Chappell	37-39=76
Jon Mills	38-38=76
Bennett Blakeman	37-39=76
a-Chris Williams	38-38=76
a-Beau Hossler	37-39=76
Brad Adamonis	39-38=77
Gregory Havret	37-40=77
K.J. Choi	38-39=77
Nick O'Hern	36-41=77
Zack Byrd	41-36=77
Michael Whitehead	39-38=77
Geoffrey Sisk	39-38=77
Matt Richardson	38-39=77
Ben Crane	39-38=77
Miguel Angel Jimenez	39-38=77
Camilo Villegas	37-40=77
Elliot Gealy	38-39=77
a-Brett Patterson	39-38=77
Robert Dinwiddie	39-39=78
Mark Wilson	37-41=78
David Howell	40-38=78
Andreas Harto	38-40=78
a-Steven Irwin	38-40=78
Dae Hyun Kim	40-39=79
Marcel Siem	40-39=79
Robert Karlsson	42-37=79
Will Wilcox	39-40=79
Maarten Lafeber	41-38=79
Andres Gonzales	39-40=79
Hiroyuki Fujita	42-37=79
a-Scott Pinckney	36-43=79
Kevin Na	40-40=80
a-David Chung	42-40=82
a-Michael Barbosa	39-44=83
Ty Tryon	40-44=84

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# Salvation Army 5K Run on June 25



The inaugural Salvation Army Food Bank 5K Fun Run will hit the road on June 25.

Registration is ongoing and no entrance fee is required to join the race. Interested participants must only bring one non-perishable food item to compete.

“Join the Salvation Army Food Bank 5K and help feed our local community. The Saipan branch of the Salvation

Army recently started a soup kitchen to provide hot meals to individuals and families in need and this is your chance to lend a hand. Feel free to bring as many non-perishable food items with you to the Salvation Army as we’ll be happy to accept anything you have to offer,” race organizer Brad Ruzsala said in a press release.

The race will begin at the Salvation Army across the Hopwood Junior High School and runners will

proceed south past the Pacific Islands Club and head back to the starting line. Check-in time is at 7am, while kick-off is at 8am.

“We’ll have raffle prizes available from our sponsors and all finishers will receive official race certificates. Runners and walkers of all skill levels are welcome to join,” Ruzsala said.

For more information, contact Ruzsala at 287-2723 or at brad.ruzsala@gmail.com. **(PR)**

## NETTERS

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Oceania Tennis Federation website at press time.

In the boys U15, Miller and Lee drew a bye in the first round and defeated fellow CNMI netters Chris Cajigan and Seiya Eda in the semifinals to advance to the finals. Lee and Miller went on to win the championship game against teammates Amami Sakano and Angelo Jones. In the girls U15, Lopez and Johnson bested four other teams to secure the championship.

## CNMI

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The Senior team alone would need over \$20,000 just to cover the airfare to the Philippines and would still need additional funding to pay for its hotel, food, and transportation expenses.

“The defending Asia-Pacific champion Senior League CNMI All-Stars are in dire need of help to raise funds for their title defense,” said Tenorio in an interview held after the meeting.

Tenorio added that the travel plans require the team to leave by Saturday, June 25, but to work out flight plans with the travel agencies he would need to obtain the funding preferably by Monday or Wednesday at the very latest.

“From here on out, every day we wait, the higher the airline tickets

In the U12 division, the tandem of Villanueva and Dela Cruz won over six other duos, including teammates Luther Lizama and Michael Jones and Colin Ramsey and Michael Ren. In the girls division, Ackerman and Rastguiy prevailed over two other teams.

Only five doubles competitions were played in the final day of the NPQ, as the boys U18 division lacked enough players for the event. Only four players were entered in the boys U18.

Several members of the victorious CNMI Junior Team were scheduled to return to Saipan last night after dominating the NPQ for the fourth

get,” said Tenorio.

Flores was also apologetic and shared that during her conversations with Borja for the past two weeks, he told her not to worry and just get the teams ready.

Flores was directed to go through Borja because Ada is on medical leave, however Ada did attend the CNMI district tournament on Rota last month and even met with Borja, Rota Mayor Melchor Mendiola, and various Rota Little League organizers to discuss preparing a bid for Rota to host next year’s Senior an Big League Asia-Pacific Tournament.

After two weeks of exchanges, Flores received a call Monday morning from Ada and Borja, who were together, and was flatly informed that Little League would need \$100,000 by Tuesday, June 14, or the two teams would not be able to book the trip.

Tenorio then informed the party that

straight time.

The Commonwealth ruled the U18 singles with Thea Minor and Rafael Jones topping separate foes. Miller and Lopez also won in the singles, prevailing in the U15 division, while Carl Dela Cruz reigned supreme in the boys U12 division.

The five singles champions also clinched slots on the North Pacific Team that will compete in the 2011 Pacific Oceania Junior Championships and 2011 Oceania Closed Junior Championships in Lautoka, Fiji in August. Joining them are Ackerman, Villanueva, Rastguiy, Lee, and Johnson.

the trip to Rota for the CNMI district tourney was more expensive than expected and also reasoned with the parents that he did not want the players to stay in a lodging with questionable or unsafe accommodations.

The Rota trip cost \$25,000, which was provided by the Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos.

“Well that’s still a waste of money to send the kids to Rota if they do not get to compete in the regionals,” cried some members in the audience.

Other issues raised included fundraising ideas for next season and modifications to next year’s Little League board election where elected members will be locked-in to a three-year term in effort to reinforce commitment from the management level down.

If anyone would like to help support the teams, contact Tenorio at 286-8625.

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Melvin Gray in the Tournament of Champions as two of the most memorable competitions he joined in.

Malaran also counted the tournaments he helped organized to raise funds for worthy causes as contributions to the Commonwealth and he hopes Fil-Taga will continue holding fundraisers and regular events to help the CNMI.

“I have asked Rene Batallones to continue or do more of what we have been doing in the golf community to help move our slowing economy. By putting up at least two major tournaments every year and occasional weekend swings, it will help golf courses keep

their personnel, it will keep the gas stations busy, and it will keep stores selling water, oranges, and snacks happy. In a small way, golfers help the economy moving. Keeping your money in your drawer does not help the economy at all,” Malaran said.

Batallones will be taking over Fil-Taga’s presidency when Malaran leaves on June 24. The incoming president is currently off-island and Fil-Taga official Mike Cruz, on the association’s behalf, thanked Malaran for his contribution.

“He is one of the most active Fil-Taga officials who puts his time and effort in organizing tournaments. We will definitely miss him. We wish him good luck in his new endeavor,” Cruz said.

Saipan Golfers Association, which last month co-hosted a Ryder Cup-style

tournament with Fil-Taga, also had some good words for Malaran.

SGA official Marianas Fajardo during the awards ceremony for the Ryder Cup event said Malaran is always there to help or participate in tournaments other clubs organized, especially if competitions are for worthy causes. SGA went on to present Malaran a plaque of appreciation for his contributions to the CNMI golf community.

For his part, Malaran thanked all golfers who supported all the tournaments he organized and vowed to help host a competition in the Philippines for Saipan golfers.

“I would like to form a golf association in Manila and invite Saipan golfers to do a Ryder Cup in July next year,” he said.

petitions are defending champions MAFEA-Konflikt and Cabalen-Wings Travel. Konflikt swept MDX-Chow Queen in the best-of-three finals, while Cabalen-Wings Travel topped MAFEA-Ebisuya in the one-game title duel.

For more information about the UFO caging, contact Malasarte at 287-5525 or bong@malasarte.com, Wilfredo Ching at 287-6046 or boyching@pticom.com, and Paul Madriaga at 287-4501 or madriaga@pticom.com.

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Payments and rosters should be submitted on or before June 20, while filled-out waiver forms must be turned over by July 8. Rosters should be submitted via email for accuracy and clarity and teams have only until July 8 to make final changes in their lineups.

Squads interested in competing in

this year’s UFO caging are asked to attend a meeting on Monday, June 20, at 6pm at the pavilion at the Civic Center in Susupe.

The UFO league is tentatively set to start on July 10 at the new TSL Sports Complex in Gualo Rai.

Games are initially scheduled every Tuesday and Thursday for masters and open divisions and Saturday for the midget category.

Expected to join this season’s com-



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## CNMI Junior, Senior all-stars not going to regionals

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The Junior and Senior CNMI all-star teams will not be competing in this year's Little League Asia-Pacific Regional Tournament, according to Saipan Little League board members Annie

Flores and Patrick Tenorio.

"We're deeply sorry the kids are unable to go," said Tenorio during an 11th hour meeting of about 20 parents and coaches yesterday at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

"The whole time the kids were practicing they told us to

look after what's in front of you and we'll take care of what's behind you," added Tenorio.

The "we" to whom Tenorio was referring was Saipan Little League District Administrator James Ada and acting adminis-

trator Mike Borja who were not present at the meeting.

Naturally, their absence was the very first question asked by those in attendance.

The Senior League all-stars swept last year's Asia-Pacific regionals in Jakarta, In-

donesia. This marks the first time ever that Saipan will not be able to send a team or teams to the Little League regionals.

The Major and Big League teams, meanwhile, are still expected to appear.

The regional tournament for the Major division will be held

in Guam from July 7 to 15. Jakarta, Indonesia, meanwhile, will host the Junior League regional tourney from June 26 to 29, while the Senior and Big League regionals will be held in the Philippines from June 26 to July 1.

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## CNMI netters sweep doubles crown

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The CNMI Junior Tennis Team showed no mercy in the last day of the 2011 North Pacific Qualifying Tournament at the Rick Ninete Tennis Center in Guam.

After ruling five of the six singles events last Thursday, the Commonwealth bets claimed five doubles championships at the conclusion of the NPQ yesterday. Winning doubles crowns for the CNMI were sisters Thea and Thecel Minor, Mikayla Lopez and Melody Johnson, Jake Lee and Christian Miller, Tammy Ackerman and Negahr Rastguay, and Carl Dela Cruz and Moris Villanueva.

The Minor sisters clinched the girls U18 doubles championship against three other pairs. Other details of the doubles competition in the girls U18 doubles were unavailable at the

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## 'Open' league for UFO caging

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The United Filipino Organization has now opened the UFO basketball league to all players.

Dubbed as the 2011 UFO Basketball Friendship League, the competition will no longer bar players without Filipino lineage from suiting up starting this season.

"The United Filipino Organization is now given a go signal by the majority of its officers and board members to open the league to all players in all divisions. Our league continues to emphasize friendship, sportsmanship, and fam-

ily participation. Invitations have been sent to a lot of teams as more slots are made available," UFO president and league chair Bong Malasarte.

This year's UFO league will have three divisions: midget, open, and masters. Only players in the 14 to 18 age group will be allowed to compete in the midget division, while the open and masters categories are for 19 to 39 and 40-and-above age groups, respectively.

Entrance fee is \$750 per team, inclusive of complete uniform for a team with a 12-man roster, a coach, muse, and team banners.

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Two MAFEK-Konflikt defenders challenge the shot of Cavite's J.R. Barrios during their regular season game in last year's UFO caging at the JP Center Basketball Court.

## Malaran bids adieu to CNMI

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The CNMI golf community is set to lose one of its active members, as Fil-Taga Golfers Association president Ted Malaran will be leaving the island next week.

Malaran will be returning to the Philippines after staying on Saipan for 22 years and playing golf for more than 15 years.

"I will be missing Saipan, which has

Outgoing Fil-Taga president Ted Malaran is all smiles after receiving a plaque of appreciation from Saipan Golfers Association during the two clubs' Ryder Cup-style tournament last month.

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been my home in the last 22 years. I will miss my co-workers and of course my fellow golfers," said Malaran.

The outgoing purchasing manager/cost accountant of Aqua Resort Club started playing golf in 1992 through the influence of their then comptroller Arcan Lat. Since then, he has joined one tournament after another and eventually became president of Fil-Taga.

"I played tennis in Palau before coming to Saipan. I continued playing tennis here for a few more years and stopped when I couldn't run anymore. That's the time I picked up golf," Malaran said.

He considered his victory in the C Flight of the HANMI Cup several years ago and the five-hole playoff against

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